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# The Vale could be first to offer electric bikes

**THE Vale Council has set aside funding to pilot the first fully electric bike share scheme in Wales.**

Following the success of the nextbike cycle hire scheme in Cardiff, which has recorded more than 548,000 rentals since its launch in 2018, the Vale Council has received requests for a similar system.

As a result, nextbike, the UK's leading bike share scheme provider, will implement the project.

The organisation is looking to install 50 electric bikes across several docking stations in Penarth. Whilst potential locations have been identified, the council is also inviting residents to give their suggestions. The racks need ample space for loading and unloading bikes, as well as links to power sources and visibility to the public.

Local school pupils will be invited to enter designs for terminals and bike side panels, and local mechanics will be employed to assist with the repair and maintenance of the fleet.

The Vale Council is working with Cardiff Council to create a system that will link the two schemes.

Krysia Solheim, nextbike UK managing director, said she was excited to be bringing e-bikes to Wales: "We know from our research that a lot of commuters already cycle from Penarth into Cardiff. E-bikes will make that journey easier and quicker than ever before, which will hopefully persuade more people to switch from four wheels to two.

The nextbike project is being funded by Section 106 sustainable transport contributions.

For more information on the scheme, or to suggest a location, visit *www.nextbike.co.uk/en/penarth.*

# Hundreds pay respect to the fallen at Barry's Remembrance Service

**HUNDREDS of people lined the streets of Barry on Remembrance Sunday as a procession made its way through the town ahead of a service at the cenotaph.** Dignitaries laid wreaths and the town fell silent for two minutes to remember those who lost their lives during the wars.

*Photo taken by Glyn Evans*

**See page six for more photos from Sunday's service and procession.**

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From now until Friday 15th December donations can be brought to our office: Lyndsay Ellis @ The Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Cadoxton, Barry. 01446 407962

# Readers' Letters

**Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

• Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL address, contact telephone number. We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

## Mean not to support fireworks

**I WENT to Barry to see the excellent Rotary fireworks display.**

When the bucket came round, I was very pleased to make a contribution but saw no-one around me put in anything at all.

I thought that was really mean for such a good, and no doubt expensive show, and hope that other collectors were supported better.

**Name and address supplied.**

## 'No conscience in protecting environment'

**I FULLY support all of the points made in the letter from John Bailey (GEM Letters, November 7) regarding the Vale recycling, which I am sure will be endorsed by many Council Tax paying Vale residents.**

While in Ogmore by Sea we have only had one week when the collection was a day late, we have suffered from all of the other problems, such as plastic recycling being rejected, despite the rejected items being labelled as recyclable. We have also had rejected items blowing about the street.

Mr Bailey may not have seen directly the operation of the recycling vehicles.

The Vale have employed, clearly being paid by Vale Council taxpayers, so-called 'enforcement wardens' who travel around in cars alongside the refuse vehicles with very large rolls of 'Oops' stickers which they decide to stick, often erroneously, on bags that they decide should be rejected.

Ironically these labels, after having been peeled off, are not recyclable and have to be placed in a black bag.

Also, all glass bottles and jars in the grey boxes are removed individually, and passed through holes high up in the side of the vehicles. Incredibly time consuming, but doubtless the reason why broken glass is not accepted.

Although the Vale claims less contamination, because of the total confusion about recycling, more is being placed in black bags. We used to use half a bag every fortnight; we now use at least one full bag.

Mr Bailey will no doubt be pleased to know that in my email exchange with senior Vale management, those who now are having to use more black bags for items marked as recyclable, to avoid their other bags being rejected, are regarded – and I quote – as "not having sufficient conscience in protecting and preserving the environment."

As Mr Bailey rightly comments, in its current form, it is an appalling system.

**Dr David Hawkridge, Ogmore by Sea.**

## Support council staff undertaking 'Herculean task'

**A NUMBER of your correspondents have commented on the new recycling arrangements being implemented by the Vale Council, mostly in negative terms.**

I ask them to put themselves in the position of the council's waste managers, and to reflect on the huge challenge of eliminating landfill, through recycling and high temperature incineration, of the thousands of tonnes of domestic waste that we produce each year in the Vale.

This is a Herculean task and is bound to cause some minor inconvenience while the new arrangements shake down. Having previously received a label on my wrongly sorted (blue) plastics bag, I had the opportunity yesterday to seek guidance on waste separation from Vale Council staff accompanying the recycling truck.

They were enthusiastic about the progress that they were making and keen to help residents such as me.

If we want to pass on a better planet to future generations, we could start by spending a little more time separating our waste and a little less time writing grumpy letters to The GEM about council employees who are doing their best.

They need our support, particularly as their job is not one that the majority of your readers would wish to undertake.

**Steven A Thomas, Llanblethian.**

## Are residents aware of recycling guide?

**HAVING just read John Bailey's letter relating to his experience of waste collection with the new six bag system, I would like to draw his attention to what I have just discovered following research on the Vale of Glamorgan website, leaving me rather puzzled.**

I had to question the collection crew this week as they slapped a sticker on my blue bag, rejecting it for having two pieces of 'contaminating' plastic, each bearing recycling symbols.

I went indoors and scrutinised the booklet supplied by the Vale of Glamorgan, but was left none the wiser, as booklet rather limited in its definitions.

Today, my husband threw three plastic items straight into black bin as not featuring in booklet, namely yoghurt pots. I went to the Vale council website, where I found an A to Z guide to recycling.

I was careful to choose the appropriate 'segregated' recycling option, as they have two systems in place. It would seem that the Council has had a re-think and moved the goal posts.

Brown paper can now be placed in the orange bag with cardboard; shredded paper can be placed in the white bag with other paper. It does not mention the colour of shredded paper, so I'm not sure whether I will need to separate out strands of brown shredded paper.

As for yoghurt pots, it seems they are accepted after all.

I trust this guide is up to date – who knows? But identifying particular items could be a long process and how many residents are aware of this guide?

What I do know is that I now need to refer to this guide each time I have an item to add to my waste. Do I think every resident in the rural Vale is going to have the time and ability to do this, or do I, like John Bailey believe they will put more items in their black bag, just to make sure all their weekly refuse is collected and to minimise the time spent on this onerous task?

Like Mr Bailey, I too have had to pick up rejected items blowing along the pavement, not to mention broken food bags spilling rotten food everywhere. This happens because the crews think it's easier to pick the bags out of the kerbside caddies and throw them across to the open collecting wagon rather than tip the caddy contents directly into the wagon. This practice is most worrying as on more than one occasion our dog has ingested both rotting food and bags they have come across on the ground, their ability to notice these things being sharper than mine.

I have sympathy for the collection crews who are now expected to scrutinise every householder's recycling bags, not to mention folding empty bags and placing them in the glass collection box; no wonder collections are taking more time.

**Bethan Pocock, Llanmaes.**

## Has the Council abandoned Holton Road?

**ADMITTEDLY there were very nice flower displays during the summer, but apart from that it looks a complete disgrace with weeds and mess everywhere, and now we have the added horror of the dosser in the doorway of the empty Windsor Hotel.**

The squalor is shocking, spilling out onto the pavement. They even had two blue recycling bags outside their 'residence' a few days ago.

One does wonder about their toilet facilities. Would they bother making the trek to the public toilets near the library? These are not open 24 hours.

Christmas is coming – will they/won't they decorate?

**(Name and address supplied)**

## 'Nothing has chanced to make road safer'

**NO one would begrudge for a moment the sense of relief that the residents of Llysworney must feel in response to the weight limit on traffic through their village.**

There are, however, consequences which will be felt by the wider community. Unless a speed restriction (not mentioned in the order published in The GEM) is applied, three axle 40 ton lorries could cross on the B4270 Llantwit Major Road each travelling at 60 mph. These vehicles carry shipping containers, the normal width of which is eight feet (2.43m), and in addition there are the outrigged mirrors on the vehicles.

The carriageway is about 18 feet wide in many places with indeterminate and soft verges. The implications for other road users, particularly cyclists and horse riders, are obvious. At least the natural chicanes in Llysworney limited speeds in the same way as those installed by highway authorities.

The inadequacy of the B4270 for HGVs was an important consideration in refusal of planning permission at the time of Bellway proposals for Darren Farm several years ago. Nothing has changed since then to make the road safer, but it is now intended to greatly increase HGV traffic on it.

The new HGV limitation imposes an extra journey of two kilometres for HGV traffic aiming to travel south at the Pentre Meyrick junction. That roughly equates to the extra distances imposed by creating a one way system with HGVs travelling south on the B4270, and north via Llysworney on the B4268. Both roads would be much safer; sustainable transport, including a cycle/horse riding lane on the B4270, would be feasible, and the situation in Llysworney would be significantly ameliorated.

**D Webb, Cowbridge.**

## Get your free flu jab

**DIABETES UK Cymru is urging everyone living with diabetes to take up the offer of a free flu jab through their local pharmacy or GP.**

Flu can cause blood sugar levels to rise high, a natural response to fighting infection. A serious infection can cause blood sugar levels to rise so high that they become dangerous for people with diabetes. This can lead to acute complications, which can go unrecognised, and can even be fatal. The vaccine, to which every person with diabetes is entitled free each year, is the most effective protection against flu. Without it, flu can also develop into pneumonia or bronchitis, which might require hospital admission.

It can take up to two weeks for a flu jab to work. That's why it's essential that everyone at high risk of serious illness from flu gets vaccinated as soon as possible.

For more information about diabetes and flu, visit the Diabetes UK website: www.diabetes.org.uk/seasonal-flu .

**Dai Williams, Diabetes UK.**

## Welsh Secretary resignation row

**REGARDING 'Ex-MP quits cabinet amid rape trial row' (November 7 edition, about Alun Cairns' resignation as Secretary of State for Wales) I'm disappointed that this article was hidden away on page 10, when it should have been front page news.**

I'd expect such behaviour of The Daily Mail or of The Sun or of The Daily Express, but not of The GEM. The article would have been of keen interest in the Vale of Glamorgan, especially as it involves the current MP and the UK is in the midst of an election campaign.

**Tim Jefferson, Llantwit Major.**

**GEM NOTE:** *The GEM received several communications along these lines, and we agree that an item such as this would normally have run on page 1. However, the story broke on The GEM's press day, close to deadline and at that stage, all three GEM front pages (for Barry and Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit, and Bridgend and Porthcawl) had been completed. There simply was not time to remake the pages and so the article was carried as the lead story on the first available 'all edits' page.*

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

***The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.***

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| 15/11/2019 | 20.08 | 9.6 |
| 16/11/2019 | 08.24 | 9.5 |
| 16/11/2019 | 20.49 | 9.4 |
| 17/11/2019 | 09.07 | 9.4 |
| 17/11/2019 | 21.32 | 9.0 |
| 18/11/2019 | 09.53 | 8.8 |
| 18/11/2019 | 22.24 | 8.6 |
| 19/11/2019 | 10.51 | 8.3 |
| 19/11/2019 | 23.31 | 8.2 |
| 20/11/2019 | 11.58 | 8.2 |
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| 21/11/2019 | 00.51 | 8.1 |
| 21/11/2019 | 13.23 | 8.3 |

***While the Gem makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.***

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# Man sought following school break-ins

**POLICE are appealing for information following two break-ins at Whitmore High School in Barry recently.**

Officers have released an image of a man they would like to speak to after the incidents at the school in Port Road West on October 24 and 26.

A force spokesman said: "Officers would also like to hear from anyone who witnessed anyone acting suspiciously in the area between 8pm and 10pm on either night, or anyone who has any information which could assist the investigation."

Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting 1900394161.

*LEFT: A CCTV still of the man police want to spreak to.*

# Santa Claus is coming to town

**FROM the North Pole to south Wales, Penarth looks forward to welcoming Father Christmas and his reindeer for the town's annual festive lights switch-on.**

On November 17 make your way along Windsor Road and mark the Christmas countdown with a festive day out from 1.30pm.

Father Christmas will be flicking the switch and illuminating the town at 6.30pm.

There will also be live music and performances from the likes of The Mark Jermin Stage School, The Scarletons and Curtis Lee as well as a quintessential yuletide performance from the Salvation Army Band.

There will also be fairground attractions for children and a variety of stalls and shops serving seasonal food and drink throughout the day.

See www.penarthevents.wales for more information.

# Nessa's back to spread a little bit of festive joy

**TV star Ruth Jones will be reprising much-loved character Nessa Jenkins, from her hit show Gavin & Stacey, to turn on Barry's Christmas lights later this month.**

Nessa has been given the top festive job of illuminating the town on Saturday, November 23, at 6pm in King Square, Holton Road.

The switch-on will mark the end of a two-day festive market in Barry and will be followed by a free open-air screening of Home Alone in the town's Central Park.

Ms Jones spent a lot of time in the seaside resort over the summer with the cast of Gavin & Stacey filming an hour-long special of the show, which will air on Christmas Day.

Principal tourism officer Nia Hollins said: "We are so excited to be joined by the legendary Nessa herself as she returns to her hometown of Barry to kick off the Christmas festivities this year.

"The Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special will be watched by millions on Christmas Day, so to welcome Nessa back to Barry on this festive occasion is very special indeed."

She added: "The world has embraced Barry and its character residents since it first hit our screens in 2007.

"When the announcement came that this year would bring a Christmas special, we have been inundated with fans from far and wide wanting to come and visit.

"A huge thanks to Ruth Jones for joining us on this special occasion."

*ABOVE: Actress Ruth Jones as Nessa in the BBC sitcom Gavin & Stacey.*

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# Warning after frauders fleece woman

**FRAUDSTERS have scammed a Vale resident out of thousands of pounds, police revealed this week.**

Officers are urging people to remain vigilant when dealing with unsolicited telephone calls following the incident.

A member of the public answered a call from someone purporting to be from BT saying they needed to protect their computer from being hacked.

That was followed by a call from someone alleging to be from the National Crime Agency saying the victim's bank account had been involved in a money laundering scam and that they should transfer funds to a secure account.

As a result the victim transferred several thousand pounds into what she thought was a safe account – which had actually been set up by the fraudsters.

Police sergeant Bryn Powys said: "This is a very distressing incident for the victim.

"Legitimate organisations such as your bank, HMRC or police will never call you asking you to transfer money. Neither will they ask you for your PIN or full banking password.

"Our advice is to treat all unsolicited calls with caution.

"Never feel pressured into making a quick decision – a genuine organisation won't mind giving you time to stop and think.

"We also urge you to look out for your loved ones and make your elderly neighbours – who might not use social media – aware."

Anyone who has received suspicious calls should call police on 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

For more information visit www.actionfraud.police.uk.

# Town's last Welsh language chapel up for sale

**BARRY'S Tabernacle chapel opposite the library on King Square has been put up for sale.**

Like many other churches in Barry, the congregation has dwindled and has found it difficult to look after the building.

One of the main difficulties with maintaining old chapels is accessibility; the stairs up to the chapel and down to the vestry makes it more difficult for ageing membership to come to chapel.

Tabernacle is the last Welsh language chapel in Barry.

The church that worships in the chapel will hold the final service on the last Sunday of 2019, and from January 2020 the congregation will meet at Sant Ffransis community centre in Porth y Castell on Sunday mornings.

They have been meeting there for monthly weekday communion for some years.

The church will look back with pride at the chapel's contribution to the life of the town as well as the spiritual life of the church.

In 1976 Morning Worship on ITV was broadcast live throughout the UK from Tabernacl and it has featured on BBC'S Caniadaeth y Cysegr and S4C's Dechrau Canu. Over the years it has hosted many musical events, particularly at Christmas time, and in 2011- 2012 the National Eisteddfod Choir held all its weekly rehearsals there.

The church was first established on this site in a tin shed on April 20, 1890 by 40 people who came to live in Barry and were previously members at Bethel, Penarth.

The churches at Tabernacl and Bethel Penarth have come together again in recent times for the ministry of the Reverend Kevin Davies.

The original building cost £285! £85 was collected on the day the church was established.

Descendants of some of those early pioneers were worshipping in the chapel a hundred years later. In 1899 the Reverend Ben Evans became the minister of Tabernacl and during his time church membership grew to over 400. He played a large part in the

civic life of Barry and was a strong advocate of temperance.

His son, Dan Evans established a store in the town and played an active role in the cultural and political life of Barry. Ben Evans' grandson, Gwynfor Evans became the first Plaid Cymru member of Parliament, and his great grandchildren are members of the church today.

The present building was erected in 1894 and the gallery was built in 1914 to cope with the increased membership.

In 1924 the pipe organ was built and installed and the musical reputation of the church was established.

The church has been considering the sale over the past three years, and has not yet found a new permanent home; but the members are looking forward to developing as a church in its new temporary home at Sant Ffransis, which was the home of a Welsh primary school in Barry for many years.

The church has been put on the market for £295,000.

# Woman's poppy quilt goes on display

**KATHY James, who is a member of a sewing and quilting group at Wenvoe Community Centre, made this beautiful quilt that she finished in time for Remembrance Day.**

Both Kathy's husband and son have served in the Army, so the quilt is very sentimental to her.

# What's on?

### Christmas Fair

**A CHRISTMAS fair will take place in the Lesser Hall, All Saints' Church, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, November 16 at 2pm until 4pm.**

Entry £1, plenty of bargains for all.

### Benefits help

**DO you need advice on benefits such as pension credit, attendance allowance, housing benefit or disability living allowance?**

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a free welfare rights service on Tuesday, November 19 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (FFORDD SAIN TATHAN, YR HERBERTS) (CYFYNGIAD PWYSAU 7.5 TUNNELL) DROS DRO GORCHYMYN 2019

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**Alt. llwybr:** Ceir mynediad arall drwy'r B4265, B4270 ffordd Llanilltud Fawr neu'r A4226 a ffordd yr A48.

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## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (ST ATHAN ROAD, THE HERBERTS) (7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2019

1. On 14th November 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:
2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (St Athan Road, The Herberts) (7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction) (Temporary) Order" 2019 and will come into force on 18th November 2019.

**SCHEDULE 1**

No person shall cause a vehicle with a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 Tonnes to proceed over the length of road in Schedule 2

**SCHEDULE 2**

**Location:** The section of road to be restricted is St Athan Road, The Herberts for a distance of 10 metres either side of Howe Mill bridge over the River Thaw.

**Reason:** To prevent damage to the road bridge and in the interests of public safety.

**Duration:** From 00.01Hrs on Monday 18th November 2019 for a maximum period of 18 Months.

**Alt. Route:** Alternate access will be via the B4265, B4270 Llantwit Major Road or A4226 and the A48 Road.

Dated this 14th day of November 2019.
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# Vale towns set to sparkle this Christmas

**EACH of the Vale's four town centres are set sparkle this festive season, thanks to additional funding from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.**

The funding, awarded to each of the four town councils, aims to support projects that provide an economic stimulus.

High streets in the Vale and across the UK are facing increased challenges such as competition from online retailers and higher costs.

Christmas is a critical time in the retail industry, with evidence suggesting that up to 70% of trading takes place in the run up to the festive season. There is pressure on our towns to attract footfall during this critical time, therefore the Council has decided to commit resources to make sure that the experience of shopping is a festive one.

The Vale Councils' Regeneration Team is grateful for the support of each of the town councils to identify opportunities to invest this funding, with Christmas lights coming out top of the list.

Christmas lights are often rented, but this funding has allowed lights to be purchased and used in future years.

Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education said: "Our high streets are facing unprecedented challenges and so supporting Christmas lights and events reaches far deeper than just making our retail areas pretty during the Christmas period. Supporting our traders by encouraging people to shop here and keep their Christmas spending within the Vale is vitally important as it helps to create and safeguard jobs for the local economy."

New lighting installations will be celebrated through a series of events in the run up to Christmas.

Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Penarth's installations will illuminate the main retail areas, and Barry will have festive illuminations on High Street, Park Crescent, Holton Road and King Square.

A spokesperson at Cowbridge Town Council said: "This funding has allowed us to really invest in Cowbridge at such a critical time of year for our traders. The new Christmas illuminations will help make Cowbridge a truly festive shopping destination and with the purchase of new lighting, the investment will be spread over a number of years."

This scheme is one element of a much wider initiative made available through Welsh Government funding. The Vale Council were successful in securing a share of the £20m made available by the Welsh Government for funding through the Economic Stimulus fund.

Events taking place are: Penarth Christmas Light Switch On, Sunday, November 17; Barry Christmas Market and Light Switch On, November 22-23; Cowbridge Christmas Weekend, November 22-24; High Street, Barry Christmas Light Switch On, Friday, November 29; Lighting up Llantwit Major at Christmas, Saturday, November 30.

Full details of each of the town's festive light switch on and Christmas events can be found at www.visitthevale.com.

*Photo of Barry's festive lights.*

# Primary school wins UK award

*Cllr Lis Burnett with headteacher Caroline Newsome, Vale AM Jane Hutt and Beanie, the school dog.*

**BARRY'S Gladstone Primary School has won UK wide recognition for achieving 'Trauma informed and mental health aware' status – and is the first in Wales to achieve the award.**

Vale AM Jane Hutt and Cllr Lis Burnett, Cabinet Member for Education, visited the school to congratulate headteacher Caroline Newsome and the whole school team for their commitment to promoting well-being in the school.

AM Jane Hutt said she was impressed by the care, commitment and dedication of the teaching and learning support staff to help all children build their self-esteem and confidence.

Ms Hutt said: "This will help pupils work through any stress or emotional difficulties and ultimately mean a great readiness to learn so that they can get the best out of school as a caring, supportive, learning community."

# GVS celebrate the work of Vale trustees

**AS we approach the end of Trustees Week, now is the perfect time to reflect on the important role played by those people who provide the foundation for voluntary groups and charities throughout the country.**

It's easy to forget that the people at the top of every charity and voluntary group are volunteers who give up their time for an important cause. They provide leadership, continuity and direction, while striving for ongoing improvement so their organisation can continue to play a part in promoting the cause for which it was originally founded.

There is an awful lot that gets done behind the scenes of every third sector organisation, and we want to take this moment to raise awareness of this.

From identifying and writing exhaustive funding applications, to extensively minuting every aspect of decision-making, to producing detailed reports to stakeholders, to organising and attending countless meetings, and much, much more – these individuals do an amazing job.

Residents of the Vale of Glamorgan are blessed to have access to some fantastic services that simply wouldn't exist without the trustees who volunteer their time to keep them running; and GVS would like to say a collective 'thank you' to all of the trustees – including our own – in the Vale, for all their hard work and dedication.

If you are reading this and feeling inspired, trustees are always in great demand.

Volunteering in this way is a great way to make a positive contribution, meet new people and gain new skills. Contact GVS to find out about any opportunities that are currently being advertised in your area.

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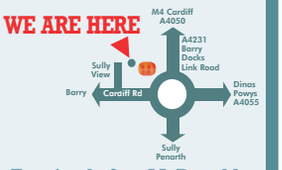


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## Country market

**COWBRIDGE Country Market invites all customers and friends to a 'Taste of Christmas' on Friday, November 15 with mince pie samples and other treats.**

Christmas Markets will be held on Friday, December 6 and December 13, with a final pick-up for pre-orders on Friday, December 20.

The markets take place in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, from 9.30am, when Christmas order forms will be available.

## Band concert

**PENCOED Silver Band will perform on Friday, November 15 at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall, CF35 5PE.**

Start time is 7.30pm with tickets at £5 to include tea, coffee and biscuits in the interval. Tickets available from Mark Steer 01443 230282; email marksteer150@gmail.com or pay on the door.

The concert is presented by Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association.

## AM's surgery

**JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB offices in Barry, 119 Broad Street, CF62 7TZ on Friday, November 15 from 4.30pm–5.30pm.**

No appointment necessary.

## Councillors' Surgery

**THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am.**

No appointment necessary.

# Hundreds turn out for Barry's Remembrance Day service and procession

**HUNDREDS of people were out in Barry on Sunday morning as the town held its Remembrance procession and service.**

The procession marched along Holton Road and Gladstone Road before a ceremony at the cenotaph.

Vale AM Jane Hutt, Barry town mayor Cllr Margaret Wilkinson and the Lord Lieutenant were among the dignitaries who laid a wreath.

During the service, led by Father Ben Andrews, a bugle sounded to mark the start of the two-minute silence.

**Photographs by Glyn Evans. Other images are available from this event. Pictures can be purchased by contacting: e-mail: ffotoimage@tiscali.co.uk, telephone 07791 228684 or www.ffotoimage.co.uk**

# Remembering the Unknown Warrior

**THE former Church of St Lawrence, Lavernock, was the venue last Sunday for a moving service based around the figure of The Unknown Warrior.**

Carole Alexander gave some background and Rev Margaret Stark reflected on his importance today.

Scripture readings and poems and hymns added to the poignancy of the occasion with fine organ accompaniment by Anne Thomas.

The church was beautifully decorated with poppy wreaths lent by the British Legion and flowers arranged by florist Julian Trott.

The next event will be a service of Lessons and Carols on December 1 at 3pm.

**Email your stories and photos to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

# Youngsters remember the brave

**AHEAD of last weekend's commemoration services, children at Llancarfan Primary School learned about the poppy, its symbolism and the significance of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.**

Led by the class teacher, Year 6 pupils from Llancarfan Primary School paid their respects at St Cadoc's Church Cenotaph, Llancarfan, at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, holding their own service to pay tribute to those who had sacrificed their lives in wars and conflicts.

Children in Foundation and Key Stage Two wrote moving messages of remembrance on individually decorated poppies which together formed a giant wreath.

The wreath was then placed on the cenotaph in the church grounds.

Children recited For the Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon and In Flanders Fields by Major John McCrae, which was followed by a two-minute silence.

The School Council sold poppy themed goods leading up to Remembrance Sunday and parents and children have been extremely generous again this year in purchasing items to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion and Armed Forces.

# Candles light up graves on Armistice Day

**WHO can forget the sketch by The Two Ronnies on television: 'four candles' or was it 'fork handles'?**

We all have candles in the house somewhere: emergency lighting, birthdays, some perfumed; all serve a purpose.

Our candles are memorial candles and were used to great effect on Armistice Day in Barry.

Graves in the cemetery were selected and candles were lit, at the same time more of the candles were lit at the Cenotaph outside the Memorial Hall.

Group 617 had taken an example from the citizens of Steinberg in Holland, where every Christmas Eve, candles are placed at the grave of Guy Gibson and other allied servicemen killed in action.

Several of our group have been guests at these ceremonies in the past and will be going again next year.

On Saturday last week, the chairman took a trip to Porthcawl to meet the chairman of the Porthcawl Veterans' Hub, and discussed the affiliation of both groups for the mutual benefit of veterans in both areas.

The Barry group offered to assist by letting Porthcawl veterans know that a ceremony took place at Stormy Down on November 9, a parade on November 10, and a small service of remembrance at the Bandstand on November 11.

Are you a veteran, or have you recently left the Services? Go along to the hub: it's there for you, all ex-service personnel are welcomed with a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich.

A group spokesman said: "Our thanks to our chairman Russ, to Alan, Harry, Kathy and Ash, our members who did us the honour of laying the wreaths from our group in Barry, Penarth and Cardiff."

He added: "Further to the assist mentioned in our first issue, the lady (WRAF) who we have been helping is now in the process of moving into her new accomodation.

Our grateful thanks must go to Gordon and his gang of movers and shakers at Masons for their continued support to our veterans.

"Rear Gunner Taff's birthday surprise, which we are currently putting together, is something special from our president."

# Valeways offer walks for all

*The Living with Cancer Strollers wrapped up on a recent outing.*

**ACROSS Wales, there are over 350 000 carers who provide unpaid support to a loved one who is older, seriously ill or disabled.**

Whether you care around the clock or for a few hours a week, in your own home or for someone elsewhere, caring can have a huge effect on our lives and plans.

Looking after someone can be tough, and lonely.

If you find yourself in this position and would like to join a small group for a walk, where people will listen to you and you have the opportunity to enjoy some time to yourself, then meet the Valeways Carers Walkers at Barry Island railway station. December's walk will be on December 23 at 10.30am, to avoid any clashes with Boxing Day activities.

For more information, visit www.valeways.org.uk or call 01446 749000.

**Living with Cancer Strollers**

**DEALING with everyday life can be difficult when you've been affected by cancer. Whether you are a patient, carer or loved one, people often struggle with a diagnosis or the treatment of cancer. Anxieties, sadness and fears for the future sometimes overcome you.**

To support a more positive outlook, the Living with Cancer Strollers offer a chance to walk, talk and enjoy good coffee!

If you would like to join us, we meet on the first Thursday of every month, 10.30am at the Cosmeston Country Park information centre.

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# Hard-working charity is hot topic of conversation at men's club

**BARRY Men's Forum this week welcomed Carol Davies and Helen Payne from Llamau, an organisation in the town which provides shelter, financial help and advice to homeless people.**

They also help to sort out problems which may not be of their own doing.

Domestic abuse is one of these which if not dealt with could have far reaching consequences.

Over the years many distressed people have benefited from the help received including finding a roof over their heads, work and further education opportunities.

Llamau is always glad to receive financial aid from organisations and the public to further their work, which grows daily; and also from people who have skills to improve the lot of the homeless.

The Forum meets every Thursday at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry at 9.45am. For more information about the group call Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

Next week's speaker will be Colin Scott and the theme will be the Western Welsh Omnibus Company who, this year, would have been celebrating 90 years of existence had it not collapsed in the early 1970s.

It was the largest bus company in Wales covering an area from Aberystwyth to Hereford and all areas south including the towns of Cardiff and Barry.

# New Friends and Neighbours Group launched in Barry

**FRIENDS and Neighbours (FAN) Groups have become so popular in Barry that a new one has been started in the town's library at the Vale Learning Centre, every Friday from 12.15pm to 1.15pm.**

We'd love to welcome you to our friendly group where you will meet people from around the corner and around the world, talking about their daily lives and a weekly topic over a hot drink.

There is no charge, commitment or need to book. Other FAN groups in Barry are at: Palmerston Community Learning Centre every Monday at 2pm; Golau Caredig (open to non-residents) every Tuesday at 10.30am; and Barry Library (Vale Learning Centre) every Wednesday at 11.30am.

For more information email carolinefan2018@gmail.com.

**Send your stories and photos to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

# Ramblers walk the Glamorgan Ridgeway

**ALISON and Louise from Penarth and District Ramblers recently played host to six walkers and Biddy the dog at Llanharan on a walk that followed all the recent heavy rainfall.**

A gradual steep climb by road and track led them out onto Mynydd Coedbychan, along flooded pathways and into fields for a thrilling aerial display from a Red Kite before a descent to Llanbad-fawr Farm, where they passed the ruined buildings of the Kimberly drift mine.

A near disaster occurred when one of the group sank thigh high in soft squelchy mud and had to be pulled clear before a climb up through Ty'n-y-Cwm for lunch on part of the Glamorgan Ridgeway.

A cool wind began to blow as dark clouds scudded across the sky and as the temperature began to drop, they packed up and continued eastwards along the ridge, while enjoying misty views out over the Bristol Channel and south-east to the tall TV mast at St Hilary. Avoiding more surface water, a series of gates led them above the lonely ruins of St Peter's super Montem Church which stands above Brynna and then into fields containing sheep.

Crossing a stile at the end of a substantial stone wall surrounding the Llantrisant Forest brought them along muddy paths sprinkled with soft pine needles and the brown and red tints of beech leaves and back out into fields overlooking Llanharan. Trudging downhill through yet more water and along a path above the majestic Llanharan House, an autumnal path through woods and a field containing two friendly ponies led them to the A473 and into Llanharan, passing The High Corner pub.

Dating from 1700, it was originally called The Corner House and catered for the sporting men who visited during the hunting season, as well as serving as a chapel in the 1770s, when powerful preachers denounced the demon drink that was heartily enjoyed by the menfolk.

On November 16 a 10-mile moderate walk in the Trelewis area will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 9am; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On November 17, a 10.5-mile mod/hard walk from Forest Coal Pit up over Sugar Loaf Mountain will leave Cogan at 9am; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

A reminder that the group's AGM at the Old Library in Dinas Powys will kick off at 7.30pm on November 18, everyone is most welcome.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice. For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

**Joy Strangward**

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**Schedule**

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# Busy time for U3A

**MEMBERS of Barry U3A travelled to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire last month as part of a trip organised by member Sue.**

A spokesman said: "It had been a beautiful sunny day and as well as being able to enjoy the lovely surroundings, the U3A was able to make a donation to the Arboretum for their charitable work."

The next trip that Sue has organised is the annual Turkey and Tinsel event when members will visit Bosworth Hall Hotel and Spa for a few days of pre-festive fun.

The speaker for the November meeting was Eric Morris, who gave an insight into the ways in which geo-politics work in the Middle East.

Eric currently works as a geo-political analyst for a government in the Middle East and has served as a Professor at the Military Academy at Sandhurst and an advisor to NATO.

Eric said that all the views he expressed were his own and that the UK government would not necessarily agree with him. His understanding of the political situation made members much more aware of the complexity of the area and how it affects the rest of the world, including the UK.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 2 at 12.30pm in Bethel Baptist Church on the roundabout in Park Crescent. It will be the Christmas party meeting, so there will be food before the event which will begin at 2pm as usual.

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# St Donat's students open their new memory café

*Four of the group (from left): Margaret, Sindre, Phirada and Daniel.*

**STUDENTS at UWC College of the Atlantic are starting a community project aimed at helping people with dementia – the 'St Donat's Memory Café'.**

Daniel Aakre Faradonbeh, a spokesman for the organisers,told The GEM: "We are starting up a new dementia café to be run in the UWC College of the Atlantic grounds. The opening date will be November 20, and the café will run weekly on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm.

"We, a group of six students, have a vision of affecting the world in a positive way, and some of us have had experience with family members with dementia.

"We see the dementia café as an arena where people with dementia, their carers, and us, the activity friends, meet on a regular basis. The point of this is to allow these people to do the activities they love, but struggle to do because of their illnesses.

He continued: "In short, St Donat's Memory Café is for people with dementia as well as their friends and family who support them. The café offers a place to socialise, enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxing environment and to take part in events such as high tea, music and dance.

"We are starting it because we want to make a difference in the world, starting with our local community."

# Billboard are back at the Memo for pantomime

**THE Barry amateur dramatics company BillBoard Ensemble received an early Christmas present recently when they received their certificate and trophy from NODA (National Operatic and Drama Association) for winning the Best Panto Award (region four) for *Beauty and The Beast*!**

This Christmas, the company is putting on pantomime favourite *Cinderella* at the Barry Memo Arts Centre from December 19–22, with matinees on the Saturday and Sunday and there is also a Saturday morning performance.

For more information, visit to www.memoartscentre.co.uk.

Pictured (from left) are: Michael Bennett, Prince Charming; Angelique Duff, Cinderella; Tony Caley-Burnell, Baron; Steve Caley-Burnell, chorus captain; Jonathan Coombs, principal of BillBoard and ugly sister; Peter Rees, ugly sister; Lisa Perry, Fairy Godmother; Nicolas Preen, Buttons.

# October proved busy for Friends and Neighbours

**IT was a busy October for Friends and Neighbours, with fish and chips at their usual Beryl Road Pioneer Hall venue attended by more than 60 members, including volunteers.**

THE Commissioner for Older People in Wales advisers enjoyed chatting to the members about their experiences and views. Entertainment was provided by singer Deano, who enjoyed taking the group down Memory Lane with a wide range of melodies. A lunch was held at Cwm Talwg, when 25 members enjoyed a tasty two-course lunch.

Members are now looking forward to the November meeting, with a demonstration of Christmas present wrapping.

Contact 01446 400044 for further information on the club.

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# Extension to night bus service

**WELSH bus operator NAT Group has announced an extension to its 304 bus service which runs between Barry town centre and Cardiff city centre. The additional service, which starts on November 18 and will run until 3.15am, will be welcomed by later commuters and those enjoying the city's nightlife.**

Later journeys are also launching on NAT's X1 and X8 routes that serve Cardiff.

NAT Group managing Director Adam Keen said: "We are ensuring our great city and surrounding areas stay connected and that our passengers can get to where they need to be, when they need to be there. Having analysed our current service levels, we felt that we could provide more for those wanting to travel later at night.

"We are sure our current passengers will appreciate the additional journeys and new passengers will be able to make use of the new services."

The extended bus routes from NAT follow the company's simplification of fare structure whereby a simple 'zonal' fares system will operate from November 18. Passengers can purchase a short hop ticket, which includes three consecutive stops, for just £1.20. The X1, X8 and 304 services also accept contactless payment.

The new timetables can be found www.nat-group.co.uk.

Visit our website for all the latest news and sport

# What's on, when and where, in your local area this week

## Art Central talk

**ON Thursday, November 14 an illustrated talk takes place on this year's international art exhibition in Venice.**

Everyone is invited to the first of four free talks by Prof Tony Curtis on: 'May we live in interesting times…' 'This year's Venice Biennale', 'A guide to art, ship wrecks and Stella McCartney's daps!' in the Art Central Gallery on King Square in the old library building. The doors open at 6.30pm with talk commencing at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served.

## Councillors' surgery

**LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 16 from 9.30am until 11.30am.**

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

## Crafts open day

**RHOOSE Craft Group Open Day takes place on Saturday, November 16 between 1pm - 4pm at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhoose.**

Demonstrations and crafts to try and buy: free entry, refreshments available.

## LIFT Group

**THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.**

The group meets in a family home in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies, tea and coffee, or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

## Llansannor Christmas Fair

**FOLLOWING the success of previous Llansannor Christmas Fairs, the LCHA will be holding their 2019 Christmas Fair in the Community Hall on Saturday, November 16 between 10am and 2pm.**

Entry is free; all welcome.

## Messy Church

**MESSY Church will take place on Sunday, November 17 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until 4pm.**

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters (and toddlers with their parents) for fun activities for all the family, crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and plenty of refreshments.

For further information, call Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Rev Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

## Diabetes event

**DR Lindsay George, consultant physician in diabetes and endocrinology, will host a Question and Answer session on Tuesday, November 19 in the Boardroom, Llandough Hospital at 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Everyone welcome!**

# Youngster's successful Italian tournament

*LEFT: Evie Wong showing off her well-earned medals after competing in Italy recently.*

**A YOUNG lifeguard has just returned from Roccione in Italy where she has been representing Great Britain in the Surf Lifesaving Championships.**

Evie Wong, a member of Rhoose Lifeguard Club, was the youngest participant at just 15-years-old with other opponents three years older than her.

She had an outstanding stint in the competition winning the European title in the beach sprint and the European title - along with her team mates - in the sprint relay.

Evie also came fourth in the beach flags event and eighth in the tube rescue.

The youth British Team, consisting of six boys and six girls, picked up amazing results which gained them the title of European Champions of the Ocean.

After four days of competing in the pool, sea and on the beach, the Youth and Senior British Team finishing at 5th overall with 26 teams competing.

A spokesman for Rhoose Lifeguard Club said: "We and the community of Rhoose are very proud of Evie's fantastic results in her first GB selection."

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# Film festival award for local directors

**TWO local film directors have picked up an award at the Cardiff International Film Festival for their latest short film – with an autistic young boy leading the cast.**

*Showdown* is a short film produced by the Welsh video production company, Fine Rolling Media.

In Cardiff on October 27, *Showdown* took the Critics' Choice award at a gala dinner in the Exchange Hotel.

The film's directors, Kristian Kane, from the Vale, and Lewis Carter, from Bridgend, took to the stage to accept the award with two of *Showdown*'s autistic actors, Charlie Lock (12) and Erin Jennings (21).

The audience broke into applause as the team thanked the festival for helping them fly the flag for Welsh independent Film and Autism Awareness.

Kristian Kane explained that: "We always try to make our films into a transformative experience for the community. People need to see themselves represented on screen in order for them to feel heard and appreciated. *Showdown* aims to do just that for people in the autistic community."

***ABOVE: Lewis Carter and Kristian Kane with Charlie Lock.***

Lewis Carter added: "When we told people we wanted to make a Western film set in south Wales starting autistic actors, quite a few of them said—'You can't do that.' Winning an award like this proves that there should be no limitations to the imagination when it comes to filmmaking and community outreach."

*Showdown* reimagines the classic Clint Eastwood-esque gunslinger hero in a contemporary south Wales setting.

The script was written by Lewis and Kristian.

It is their third short film, following *Campfire Story* and *Royal*, which also won awards at film festivals.

Welsh actor and autism activist, Richard Mylan came onboard the project as an executive producer.

The film marks the first time 12-year-old (11 at the time), Charlie Lock has been cast in a lead role.

To find out more, go to www.finerollingmedia.co.uk/showdown/

# Deadline looms to get water abstraction licence

**THE deadline is fast approaching for changes in water abstraction licence requirements.**

New regulations mean that transitional license applications will need to be submitted before December 31 to prevent losing the right to abstract water from January 1, 2020.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regulates water abstraction which is the process of taking water directly from surface water, such as rivers, or groundwater, such as boreholes.

Kathryn Mainwaring, NRW's Water Resources lead specialist advisor, said: "If you take more than 20 cubic meters (4,400 gallons) per day from a surface or groundwater source you are likely to need a transitional licence.

"Before 2018, a lot of water abstraction activity was exempt from licencing but changes to the law now require previously exempt abstractors to apply for transitional abstraction licences.

"Water abstraction can have a significant impact on the environment and until now, these abstractors have legally been able to take an unlimited supply of water, without consideration of impacts on the environment or other water users."

Several activities which were previously exempt will now require a licence if they take more than 20 cubic meters per day; these include:

- Abstraction for any purpose in a previously geographically exempt groundwater or surface water area. These covered a large proportion of north, west and wouth west Wales.
- All forms of irrigation (previously only spray irrigation required a licence).
- Warping (the abstraction of water containing silt to fertilise agricultural land).

Kathryn added: "We need to make sure that the amount of water taken from our rivers or out of the ground does not cause unacceptable impacts on the environment or other water users.

"By applying before the deadline, you will benefit from a streamlined process which makes most applications easier and cheaper and you are more likely to be able to take water as you've done in the past. You'll be able to continue abstracting as you have done in the past while your application is determined.

"If you don't apply, you may lose your right to abstract water and could face enforcement action including prosecution if you continue to do so."

For an application form and further information on how to apply, visit the NRW website, contact the Water Resources Permitting Team on 0300 065 3000 or email enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

# Charity urges people to keep their support in the community

**AGE Connects Cardiff and the Vale has been supporting older people in its communities for over 40 years.**

Whether it be support with making difficult choices, such as moving into a care home, accessing benefit entitlements, advocacy representation in care homes, hospitals or the wider community, access to befriending schemes, or help with shopping and getting to appointments and participation in groups and activities to reduce social isolation… Age Connects has always been well and truly at the heart of communities.

In these uncertain times and with funding being cut, Age Connects is reaching out to businesses to urge them to keep whatever charitable support they have available within the local community, where it can make an immediate and noticeable difference to the lives of older and vulnerable people.

Jeff Hawkins, CEO of Age Connects said: "I urge you to keep your support local. One of the reasons it's so rewarding for businesses to help the communities around them is that the results are so visible and significant.". With this message in mind, Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale is encouraging businesses to support its forthcoming Christmas Gala Dinner, either through purchase of tickets or the donation of auction or raffle prizes.

The dinner is being held at the Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff on November 29; ticket price of £50 includes a welcome drink, three course meal, half bottle of wine, DJ, gift and auction. A discount is available for group bookings.

Karen Steele of Age Connects said: "The work of Age Connects, supporting lonely and vulnerable older people, is at risk from ongoing funding cuts. If you and your organisation feel as passionately about supporting local older people as we do, join us for a fun filled evening and help us spread some festive cheer in our communities this Christmas."

To find out more, visit www.ageconnectscardiff.org.uk or call Karen on 02920 683 604.

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# Stan Rosenthal's work goes on display

**TOPSTAK held its first evening art exhibition displaying the wonderful work of the late Stan Rosenthal, a past resident of Cowbridge, on November 7.**

The exhibition featured originals, some of which had been loaned from private collections, alongside a selection of his limited-edition prints showing the many different styles of the artist.

Topstak was joined for the evening by Stan's widow, Nicky, who was able to share the personal stories and histories behind his artwork.

Many of the paintings of display featured scenes from the south Wales coast such as Southerndown, Cwm Nash and Three Cliffs Bay.

Topstak is now the home of the remainder of Stan's collection which includes many of his last remaining one-off and limited-edition prints.

Much of the exhibition will continue to be on display over the coming weeks, with a smaller selection on permanent display. To ensure that admirers of Stan's work can view the full collection, a website is soon to be launched with full details of all his remaining paintings and prints.

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# Solar farm to be built at Cardiff Airport

**A JOINT agreement with Cardiff Airport and a local renewable energy developer will result in the installation of a new Solar PV Farm on the airport site in the near future.**

The construction of the 2MW solar site is set to be completed within the next 18 months by Bridgend-based company Cenin Renewables, which has successfully delivered notable renewable energy projects across key sites in south Wales. The Solar PV Farm at Cardiff Airport will sit within the boundary of the site and will supply the business with electricity via a private wire, with any surplus energy being exported to the national grid.

It is anticipated that the new solar farm will deliver a carbon reduction of some 20,508 tonnes over the next 25 years, a saving of approximately 860 tonnes every year.

This project is the next step in Cardiff Airport's recently unveiled Environmental Flight Path – a timeline of immediate and short term environmental goals.

The milestones will be delivered in line with the organisation's vision to become a carbon neutral airport and is a key consideration for the Airport's Masterplan development over the next two decades.

Mark Bailey, Director of Airport Planning and Development at Cardiff Airport, said: "After a huge amount of careful planning and consideration, it is hugely exciting to see this project come to life. We're proud to be working in partnership with a Welsh business who bring with them expert knowledge and a wealth of experience needed to develop this project on our site. When it's complete, it will deliver massive carbon reductions and power the airport."

In addition to its renewable energy and carbon reduction benefits, the solar farm will create a welcoming, natural environment for biodiversity including bees and some species of wild flowers.

Martyn Popham, Director at Cenin Renewables, added: "Cenin Renewables is delighted to have been chosen to work with Cardiff Airport to help them achieve an important part of their comprehensive plan to decarbonise the airport operation."

*ABOVE: Martyn Popham, from Cenin Renewables (left) with Mark Bailey from Cardiff Airport.*

# Dog of the Week

**OLIVE is a beautiful one-year-old old Lurcher who is full of life.**

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She will need plenty of off-lead exercise to burn off that excess energy.

Olive is looking for an adult only home with experienced dog owners who can continue to keep her physically and mentally stimulated. She doesn't mind traveling in the car and loves to explore new places. Olive is not used to being left on her own, so the amount of time would need to be built up gradually. If you're looking for a fit, active dog, then Olive could be the one for you.

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# Business club holds its inaugural awards evening

**THE Bridgend and Vale Business Club held its inaugural 'BVBC Awards' ceremony recently – an event aimed at recognising the best in local business, hosted by the popular radio DJs Jagger and Woody.**

The event took place at the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa.

Jagger and Woody ensured everything went with a swing.

Simon Jagger said: "I think it is great that the business club wants to recognise hard-working business people and entrepreneurs who provide top quality services and invest in the local economy."

Lizzie Memory of Bridgend and Vale Business Club said: "It was a great evening and we were thrilled Jagger and Woody agreed to host it.

*There were 10 categories:*

**1/** The award for 'Energy Efficiency in Business' was sponsored by Viridian UK Energy Matters Ltd and was won by Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry.

**2/** The award for 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year' was sponsored by R McGee Insurance Broker Ltd and was won by Phillz Barbers.

**3/** The award for 'Best Innovation in Business' is sponsored by ITCS (UK) Ltd and was won by Chris Gill of BJZ Waste Clearance.

**4/** The award for 'Best New Business' is sponsored by Prings Plumbing and Heating Ltd and was won by Steven Dodd from GLR Bespoke Services.

**5/** The award for 'Best Staff Development' is sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings Ltd and was won by Sian Thomas and Daughter.

**6/** The award for 'The business that most benefits the local area' is sponsored by F9 Films and was won by Nathaniel Cars.

**7/** The award for 'Best Business Marketing' is sponsored by AMB Building and Construction and was won by Lora Payne from LCVA Services.

**8/** The award for 'Best Business Growth' was sponsored by The Glamorgan Gem and was won by Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry.

**9/** The award for 'Best Product or Service Range' is sponsored by Perry's Vehicle Repairs Ltd and was won by Brian Stokes of ITCS.

**10/** The award for 'Best Customer Service' is sponsored by Peninsula HR H&S-Barry Quinn and was won by Perry Tate of Perry's Vehicle Repairs.

**Finally,** the award for 'Best Overall Business' which was sponsored by Bridgend and Vale Business Club was awarded to Sian Thomas and Daughters.

*Catrin Morgan of Sian Thomas and Daughters winning best overall business sponsored by Bridgend and The Vale Business Club presented by Steve Richmond and Lady Helen Woolridge-Morgan.*

*Perry Tate of Perry's Vehicle Repairs winning best customer service, sponsored by Barry Quinn from Peninsula UK.*

*Lora Payne from LCVA Services, winning best business marketing, being presented with her award by sponsor Alun Butler from AMB construction Ltd.*

*With guest presenters Jagger and Woody is Steven Dodd from GLR Bespoke Services, winning best new business, sponsored by Prings Heating and Plumbing.*

*Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry, winning best customer service sponsored by Wendy Snatchfold of the Glamorgan GEM.*

*Rob Vowles from Nathaniel Cars winning 'business that makes the most community impact' sponsored and presented by Andrew O'Leary from F9 films.*

*Phillz Barbers was the winner of the 'best young entrepreneur' category, sponsored by R Mcgee Insurance. He is pictured with presenters Jagger and Woody.*

*Chris Gill from BJZ waste clearance, winning best service ,presented by Brian Stokes from ITCS.*

*Perry Tate (left) of Perry's Vehicle Repairs presenting the award for Best Product or Service Range to Brian Stokes of ITCS.*

***RIGHT:*** *Tim Hughes from Viridian Energy Matters UK about to present the award for the most energy efficient business, which went to Cath Richmond from the Caring Laundry.*

***FAR RIGHT:*** *Catrin Morgan of Sian Thomas and daughter winning best staff development sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings(presented by Dave Block and Leah Thomas).*

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Mwynhewch farchnad Nadolig dau ddiwrnod a chwrdd â Nessa Shanessa Jenkins a fydd yn troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen am 6pm ddydd Sadwrn. Dilynir y digwyddiad troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen gyda dangosiad awyr agored am ddim o Home Alone yn y Parc Canolog, y Barri. Marchnad ar agor o 11am pob diwrnod.

**Sadwrn 6pm Troi goleadau nadolig ymlaen**

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**Dydd Gwener 22**
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**Dydd Sul 24 Tachwedd**

Dewch i siopa yn y Farchnad Nadolig tri diwrnod ym maes parcio Dug Wellington a mwynhau'r Orymdaith Ceirw enwog.

**Gorymdaith y Ceirw – Sul 12 pm**

### STRYD FAWR, TROI GOLEUADAU NADOLIG Y BARRI YMLAEN

**STRYD FAWR**

**Dydd Gwener 29 Tachwedd**

Hwyl i'r teulu cyfan â cherddoriaeth fyw, adloniant, Siôn Corn ac am 7pm bydd Andrew a Lee Selby yn troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen.

**4pm – 8pm**

### TROI GOLEUADAU LLANILLTUD FAWR YMLAEN

**LLANILLTUD FAWR**

**Dydd Sadwrn 30 Tachwedd**

Dewch i fwynhau Marchnad Nadolig a cherddoriaeth yn y Ganolfan Siopa gyda Siôn Corn a'r digwyddiad troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen am 6pm yn Neuadd Dref Llanilltud Fawr. Gorymdaith Llusernau am 5.15pm.

**12 hanner dydd – 8pm**

### TROI GOLEUADAU NADOLIG SAIN TATHAN YMLAEN

**SAIN TATHAN**

**Dydd Sul 1 Rhagfyr**

Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant o 3pm gyda'r digwyddiad troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen am 5pm.

**3pm – 5pm**

### PENARTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**WINDSOR RD**

**Sunday 17 November**

Meet Santa and his reindeers and enjoy music, entertainment and food and drink stalls. Penarth Late Night Shop – 5 December

**12pm – 7pm**

### BARRY CHRISTMAS WEEKENDER * MARKET * SWITCH ON * CINEMA

**HOLTON RD / KING SQUARE**

**Friday 22 &**
**Saturday 23 November**

Enjoy a two day festive market and don't miss Nessa Shanessa Jenkins (Ruth Jones from Gavin & Stacey) turning on the Christmas Lights at 6pm on Saturday. The switch on will be followed with a free open air showing of Home Alone in Central Park, Barry. Market open 11am each day.

**Sat 6pm – Light switch on**

### COWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

**COWBRIDGE**

**Friday 22**
**Saturday 23**
**Sunday 24 November**

Shop the three-day Christmas Market at the Duke Of Wellington Car park plus enjoy the famous Reindeer Parade.

**Reindeer Parade – Sun from 12pm**

### HIGH ST, BARRY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**HIGH ST**

**Friday 29 November**

Fun for all the family with live music, entertainment, Santa and at 7pm Andrew and Lee Selby will turn on the Christmas Lights.

**4pm – 8pm**

### LIGHTING UP LLANTWIT MAJOR AT CHRISTMAS

**LLANTWIT MAJOR**

**Saturday 30 November**

Enjoy a Festive Market and music in the Precinct plus Santa and the Light switch on at 6pm in Llantwit Major Town Hall. Lantern Parade at 5.15pm.

**12pm – 8pm**

### ST ATHAN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

**ST ATHAN**

**Sunday 1 December**

Music and entertainment from 3pm with the Christmas Light Switch On at 5pm.

**3pm – 5pm**

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# VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS

*A Magical Festive Experience*

## Reindeer Parade kick-starts Christmas in Cowbridge

**YOU know Christmas is on the way when Cowbridge announces that Santa's reindeer are on their way to the town, and this year the big day is Sunday, November 24!**

It's a tried and tested format and, following the old adage 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' this year's event will follow the familiar pattern of previous Reindeer Parades.

The event is organised by the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, and spokeswoman Sarah Legg told The GEM: "Christmas in Cowbridge this year is looking spectacular... the traders are making a big weekend of their reindeer parade.

"On Friday, the shops will be open until 8pm with carols, live music and Cowbridge's very first Christmas market.

"Saturday launches our golden key giveaway. All the traders in the town have given offers and prizes to be hidden in our golden envelopes.

"These will be handed out randomly in the town to visitors!

"The Christmas market continues on this day too and Sunday, of course, is the amazing reindeer parade, starting around 12 noon. It's great to see the traders of our town working together. Retail has had a particularly hard year, but Cowbridge remains a beautiful place to shop and welcomes customers old and new."

The parade will begin at 12 noon, but it is always advisable to get there early, and it is going to bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

"This event is our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the people who support us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be carol singing, and a celebrity or two (under wraps at the moment!).

The countdown for the switch-on to bathe the town in Christmas lighting cheer begins at 4.45pm.

Alun gave his thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event in Cowbridge this year."

## Pop-up shop pops up in time for Christmas

**EIGHT years ago, four local brothers started importing the Norwegian outdoor and ski clothing brand, Skogstad, into the UK.**

With more than 30 independent retailers throughout the UK now selling the brand, they recently opened their very first Skogstad shop, a pop-up until the end of January, at 85 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

Boasting lots of lovely, vibrant, Norwegian products to keep the family warm and dry – down jackets, waterproof shell and insulated jackets and trousers, parkas, merino wool base-layers, and accessories including hats, gloves, neck gaiters, and underwear.

In addition, they offer walking boots, wellingtons, snow boots and slippers from Viking Footwear (100 years old next year).

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am-5.30pm until the Cowbridge Christmas weekend, and from Tuesday to Sunday afterwards.

You can be assured of a warm welcome and good advice from the brothers, as well as the popular weekly special offers when you visit, so pop in and wrap yourselves up for the winter ahead.

## Christmas specials at the Cross Inn

**TOM Brock and his mum, Heather, are really looking forward to their first Christmas at The Cross Inn.**

They took over The Cross Inn in September, and ever since the restaurant has been getting rave reviews.

New Head Chef Jason Coleman absolutely shares their vision of homemade, fresh food cooked to perfection, whether it's the venison faggots or fishcake starter, the lasagne or sea bass main course, or the chocolate whisky tart or bread and butter pudding dessert – it's all freshly made in The Cross Inn's kitchen.

Jason has some mouthwatering Christmas specials planned through December.

Christmas Day lunch will really be a 'home from home' occasion, with a lovely relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

The Cross Inn can only accommodate 40 people and with only one sitting, you will be assured of great service and fabulous food.

The Christmas decorations are all planned and it will be worth a visit just to see the Christmas lights and have a pint of the Christmas guest beer Chris Moose, the Glitterberry J20 or a glass of hot mulled wine.

Dogs are always welcome in the bar with water and a treat at the ready.

# Cowbridge Christmas Weekend

## Friday 22nd November
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## Sunday 24th November
## REINDEER PARADE

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*you will need to book via The Bear Hotel for Santa's lunch

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*golden key giveaway. Find the envelope with the golden key and claim your prize inside.

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# Keep yourself warm with help from La Mercerie

**THE cold weather is upon us now, and the fashion for bobble hats shows no sign of slowing down.**

Knitting your own is the best way to get a perfect fit and colour choice, and you can even add a faux fur pompom to be right on trend. La Mercerie has a wide range of suitable yarns and patterns to create your own work of art.

There are so many lovely chunky and super chunky yarns around just now, why not make a matching scarf or even a jumper?

# Elephant & Bun has your deli needs covered

**THE Elephant & Bun Delicatessen has a wide range of food, drink and kitchenware Christmas gift ideas to suit all members of the family.**

Whether it is a Welsh food hamper for all the family, biscuits, chocolates, sweet treats, or a set of Welsh beers, miniature gins or whiskeys, your family-run High Street deli can tick all the boxes on your Christmas shopping list.

We are now taking orders for your Christmas and New Year festivities for cheeses, quiches, cold cut pies, salads and puddings, not forgetting our famous Welsh cakes and mince pies!

Just drop in for a list of Christmas food goodies available.

Over the road at the Elephant & Bun Kitchen, Jack and the team are now open seven days a week, bringing you their take on the very best brunches and lunches to complement their range of the finest coffees, teas, cakes and other treats.

Look out for special ticket-only evening events in the run up to Christmas and remember the Kitchen is available for private functions.

# Shop marks first Christmas in Cowbridge

**IN the Old Mason's Yard on the river bank, Little Sweethearts is celebrating its first Christmas in Cowbridge, having been open for six months.**

It is run by Lisa, who said: "Little Sweethearts is a local, independent baby shop offering traditional and exclusive products, while also catering for all budgets.

"We have clothes and shoes for children from birth to nine years old."

Lisa offers a gift wrapping service – not just for Christmas but all year round, and for parents who want to plan ahead for their child's wardrobe, she offers a payment plan system to spread the cost over eight weeks.

Little Sweethearts also has a loyalty card scheme, making it a must to visit this festive season!

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# Christmas gifts galore at The Pencil Case

**IF you are looking for Christmas gift ideas for children and stationery addicts of all ages, there is only one shop to visit in Cowbridge - The Pencil Case on Eastgate.**

Owner Sally Stephenson and her colleague Jane have put together a wonderful range for the festive season.

Sally told The GEM: "Children and adults alike love our wide range of colourful pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books, toys and gifts.

"New for this year is a brightly-coloured range of dotted notebooks, accessories and colourful brush pens, perfect for those looking to take up bullet journalling. A bullet journal can help you organise your life, record your achievements or just capture your thoughts.

"It is the latest craze sweeping the stationery world!"

The ever-popular range of Top Model colouring and sticker books has been enhanced with new designs, secret diaries and jewellery boxes. There is also a selection of toys for children from birth upwards, including musical instruments, wooden trains, dolls houses and Orchard Toys games.

The Pencil Case is the perfect place for great value stocking fillers - collectable Iwako erasers including Santa, snowmen and Christmas trees; sparkly gel pens, novelty pencils and sharpeners and of course unicorn-themed stationery and gifts!

It stocks contemporary greetings and Christmas cards in both Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons. And if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher!

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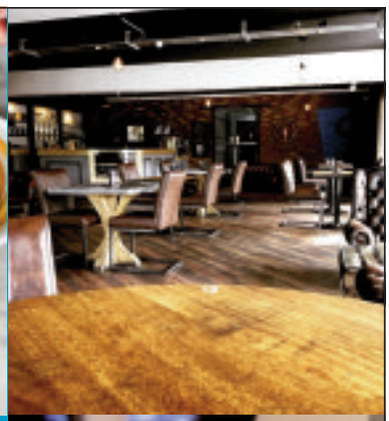

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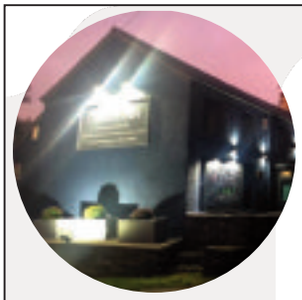

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# What a great show from traders!

**COWBRIDGE retailers excelled themselves with the window displays they produced in support of the Poppy Appeal`s 'Paint the Town Red' initiative.**

More traders than ever took part, over 20 in total, and **the town was red from end to end. Poppy Appeal organiser David Howell said: "I must thank them publicly for their support.**

**"Their creative and imaginative designs have helped put Cowbridge on the map as a town which has taken the Poppy Appeal to its heart.**

**"The large number of other retailers who put a felt poppy in their window as a sign of their support also contributed markedly to the atmosphere in the town."**


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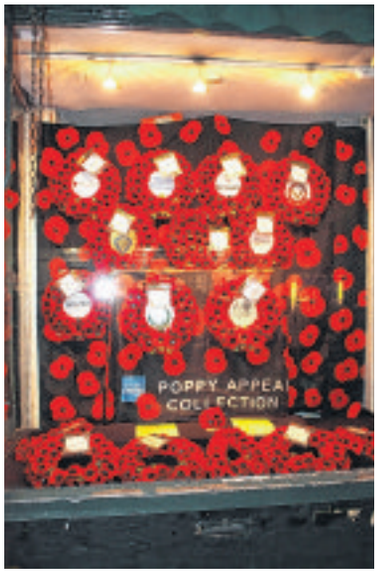


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# Christmas starts on High Street, Barry

**THE High Street Traders are gearing up for another fabulous festive season, kicking off with their popular Late Night Shopping Event today Thursday, November 14 from 5pm to 7.30pm.**

Voted the fourth best independent High Street in the UK, Barry High Street has got something really special to share this festive season.

Fay Blakeley, High Street trader and owner of Homemade Wales said: "High Street really does have everything you need for your festive celebrations – whether it's award-winning meat and poultry, fruit and veg or pastries and cheeses, the High Street has everything you need for your festive feasts.

"Looking for a new outfit for Christmas Day or beautiful gifts to go under the tree? You're sure to find it all on the one street. Shopping local has never been easier."

Promoting the Shop Local message, in addition to working with and supporting the local community, is at the heart of the Traders' success, which is why the annual Christmas Light switch on taking place on Friday, November 29 from 4pm until 8pm, is always such a favourite in the local calendar.

This year looks to be no exception. The Traders have pulled out all the stops to make their festive window displays an attraction in themselves. Partnered with all the usual fun, choirs and magicians, the High Street Christmas Light switch on looks set to be a must for the festive season – your Christmas starts right here!

# Order your festive meat at Vic Hopkins Butchers!

**THE team at Vic Hopkins Butchers has announced the safe arrival of this year's Christmas order forms.**

Boss Anthony Hopkins pointed out that with only 40 days until Christmas Day, it's not a moment too soon, and that customers can start taking away the forms to fill in and return.

Anthony said: "It's my 35th Christmas on High Street. I've seen a lot of changes over the years but one thing that's always stayed the same is the excellent produce and customer service that we provide to our customers.

"With decades of experience in dealing with the Christmas rush between us, customer orders couldn't be in safer hands.

"Pick up your Christmas order form soon or drop us an email: welshbutchers@yahoo.co.uk.

*RIGHT: The team are ready and waiting for orders!*

# Get your bouquets just in time for Christmas

**BUDDING Designs has gone from strength to strength since opening in 2018.**

They are passionate about creating beautiful Bouquets that are plastic free, recyclable and affordable – always striving to provide stunning arrangements that are a little bit different using blooms that you just can't get in the supermarket.

Owner Nicola Hopkins said: "We are really excited for Christmas this year. We were blown away last Christmas by how busy we were, so this year we are truly prepared! We have a fantastic selection of eco-friendly Christmas bouquets on offer and are now taking orders for delivery right up until Christmas Eve."

Join Nicola in her studio at one of her workshops and with Christmas just around the corner, now is the perfect time to learn how to make your own Christmas door wreath.

With a wide selection of bouquets to choose from, it couldn't be easier to get a bouquet delivered with the online ordering system, visit www.buddingdesigns.co.uk.

# Get noticed with Vinylize

*ABOVE: Tony Peters and Richard Colbourne of Vinylize on Broad Street printing Christmas posters.*

**A NEW business in Broad Street is Vinylize, which offers a full range of embroidered and printed clothing.**

Tony Peters opened 16 months ago, deciding that he needed larger premises and also a high street presence.

He sells a wide range of T-shirts, hoodies, sports kit and boots, and all can be either printed or embroidered.

You can buy the clothing unprinted, but then you would miss out on seeing Tony's embroidery machine in action – it's pretty amazing to watch a name appear, almost by magic.

Another aspect of the printing business that Vinylize caters for is transferring family photos onto canvas in a range of sizes – something that is always very popular with Christmas in mind.

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# The latest hair and beauty at HQ2 The Salon

**HQ2 salon has been in business for 19 years and have recently moved to 11 High Street, next to the deli.**

Dawn Vaughan from the salon said: "High Street traders have made us feel very welcome – and what a lovely community it is with lots of support from local traders who have managed to put together some lovely events, such as the Easter bonnet parade, Pride Day and the next big event – the Christmas lights and Christmas fair, which we are looking forward to.

"We at HQ2 have worked hard to offer our clients the latest hair and beauty with stylist updating, keeping up with the latest colouring and cutting techniques, updating on beauty and offering a new beauty treatment, Dimond micro dermabrasion.

"It's a very popular treatment, revealing beautiful skin tone and clarity with a glow. This treatment also offers a face mask and the treatment is on offer up until Christmas.

"One treatment is £35, or three treatments £80.

"We also offer vitamin B12 injections with a fully qualified B12 practitioner if you're feeling tired and run-down, struggling with weight gain or depression; B12 is guaranteed to help.

"We also offer semi-permanent make up lipliner, lip blush, micro blading, eyelash tattoo enhancement, LVL eyelashes – which are your own eyelashes (LVL stands for 'length volume lift') – these are just a few of our treatments available.

"We have been recognised as a four-star salon by the Good Salon Guide of which we are very proud, as it's quite an achievement.

"All our staff are very friendly and we

# Looking for a festive outfit? Bryl's Boutique has it covered

**BRYL'S Boutique has been a fashion haven on Barry's High Street for almost 13 years now.**

Bryl's offers a comprehensive mix of casual and party wear from well known labels such as Ted Baker, French Connection, Joules, Ugg, Rieker and lots, lots more.

In addition to clothes and footwear, Bryl's Boutique also offers a great range of accessories and jewellery.

It's clear from the brief time that I spent in the shop that Ann is passionate about fashion and are always adding new brands to the shop's offering to ensure the High Street has the best of the best when it comes to fashion.

Another thing is abundantly clear – whatever the occasion, whatever the budget and whatever the age range – they have it covered!

So with Christmas in mind, the Bryl's Boutique is a must to visit!

# Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith

**CONNECTING Barry High Street and Broad Street is Island Road, and there you will find Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith where 95 per cent of the stock is made in-house.**

Robert Linder is in charge in Barry (the company has another branch in Cardiff) and is looking forward to the usual busy period in the run up to Christmas.

Robert said: "We always get plenty of special commissions, and another popular service is remodelling items that have faded a little with time."

The company's reputation is such that they make items for film and TV companies, but these are strictly 'one-offs,' so Bespoke can't put a similar item on sale!

However, they have plenty of their own original items on sale to the public, so pay a visit to Bespoke.

# A magical Christmas at Giggles

**HIGH Street's own toy shop, Giggles, promises a magical Christmas this year for your little ones.**

With even more traditional wooden toys, Orchard Games, Jellycat cuddlies and Top Model design books than ever, it looks like Santa is going to be very busy this year.

Santa's sleigh will be full of toys that can be passed down from generation to generation and that are friendly to our planet.

Don't forget the High Street light switch on Friday, November 29 from 4pm-8pm – Jill Mathews, Giggles' owner, is looking forward to seeing you all.

Giggles
Gifts & toys for all ages
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# BARRY HIGH STREET

## FOR THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

## Join the party at the Small Space

**IF you're part of a small business with only a few members of staff, why not come to a joint Magical Christmas Party?**

The Small Space on Island Road in Barry, The World's Smallest Magic Theatre, is hosting joint Christmas parties every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (1pm to 5pm) and evenings (7pm to 11pm) in December.

Enjoy a full 90-minute magic show with close-up and mind-dreading, along with a delicious cheese and cold meat platter during the interval.

With its fully licensed upstairs bar, this unique former Victorian shop has been wowing audiences since launching earlier this year.

The theatre holds only 20 people and at just £35 per head for the show and delicious buffet, it's an ideal way for your small business to enjoy a party with another local business.

Email info@thesmallspace.co.uk for details.

## Butterflies is the place to go for presents

**BUTTERFLIES is a beautiful gift shop situated in the heart of High Street, stocking beautiful gifts, greeting cards, Bomb cosmetics, bath bombs, Yankee Candles, home accessories and Kringle candles.**

Owner Jodie is celebrating almost 11 years on High Street and over the last five years, has extended her business with a magical Christmas shop.

After taking some time off due to serious illness, Jodie is now back running her business and opening her fabulous Christmas shop again this year. During her time off, she has worked hard designing her own gift collection and new personalised products which she launched this year.

Butterflies can now design and personalise greeting cards for any occasion from £1.99 with matching gifts. Why not pop in to the store where Jodie and her fabulous team can assist with personalising Christmas cards, gifts and wrapping beautiful hampers?

Wishing you a magical Christmas and see you soon!

## Pick up unique gifts at Homemade Wales

**HOMEMADE Wales is packed with beautiful, locally-made, unique handcrafted gifts.**

Owner Fay Blakeley spends a lot of time throughout the year meeting and sourcing new makers and artists, to curate an enviable selection of gifts and homewares.

Fay said: "It's always a thrill for me to bring together the work of so many talented makers and artists, especially at Christmas, when customers are looking for something a little bit different to gift their loved ones. I get such a kick out of customers getting in touch in January telling me how well their gift was received.

"This year, we've opened our extension so have even more gorgeous handcrafted gifts, prints and homewares than ever before."

So if you're looking for gifts a little less ordinary this Christmas, why not get yourself along to Homemade Wales, 9 High Street, Barry or visit Facebook.com/HomemadeWales. Supporting local has never been so easy.

## Look after yourself at The Beauty Clinic

**MICHAELA and her staff at The Beauty Clinic are poised to pamper their clientele.**

Popular treatments include intense light therapy and micro-blading, while with the party season in mind, the Beauty Clinic specialises in Glitzy Lips, Minx Toes, and evening makeup.

For the remainder of November, for only £20, there is a 'lash, lift and tint' offer – just another reason to visit The Beauty Clinic.

## Meticulous Beauty & Skin Clinic celebrate first anniversary

**BASED on High Street, Barry we specialise in skin perfecting and rejuvenating treatments using the most up to date methods, technologies and clinically proven skin care.**

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# BARRY HIGH STREET

## FOR THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

# Jade Boutique – a specialist in designer clothing

**ONE of the many attractions of High Street Barry is the number of independent traders who know and understand the area.**

It is certainly true of Jane James, who runs Jade Boutique.

She has been in the present shop, No 74, High Street for four-and-a-half years, but she has been in the area for more than 30.

Jane specialises in quality designer clothing, with Frank Lyman evening wear particularly popular at the moment.

Jade Boutique has quality goods in a wide price range, and Jane's regular customers know this very well.

For Christmas (and all year round) Jade Boutique is a must visit clothing destination.

*Jane James of Jade Boutique with some of the gorgeous evening wear to be found in the shop this Christmas.*

# Festive floral items from Beautiful Lily

**BEAUTIFUL Lily in High Street Barry is once again looking forward to helping customers enjoy a traditional festive season, and has a great range of Christmas wreaths and fresh garlands.**

The proprietor Helen said: "One of our most popular lines over the last two years has been our snowmen, made entirely out of white chrysanthemums.

"We've had excellent reports, and they have lasted four or five weeks."

Of course, Beautiful Lily has a wide range of bouquets available, and all the items you would expect to find in a quality florist.

Helen added: "We offer daily deliveries, right up to Christmas Eve."

# Beautify your brows for Christmas!

**BROW Revival are new to Barry and offer microblading with Karen, a licensed and fully qualified graduate from the world-renowned Phi Brows Academy.**

Karen will hold a full consultation with you before your treatment to ensure it is the right procedure for you.

The procedure consist of hyper-realistic hair strokes which look like your own eyebrow hair and last between 12-18 months.

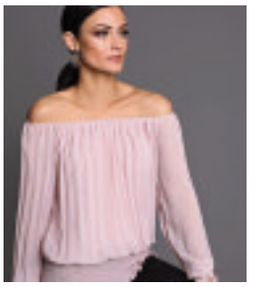
Karen will firstly measure and shape your brows to suit your face perfectly.

There is minimal discomfort, no redness and no downtime.

Brow Revival also offer Gift Vouchers. We look forward to beautifying your brows!


Jade BOUTIQUE

For something special THIS CHRISTMAS



From Casual and Party Wear to Handbags & Jewellery.

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# Festive offerings at Food for Thought

**AT Food for Thought, you can put quality food on the Christmas table, and enjoy a wide choice of distinctive items.**

This year, they are proud of the massive range of Welsh cheese – expanded from last year, with crackers and chutneys as well.

Another new line sure to be in demand this year is Georgie Porgie, a small independent supplier of award-winning sponge puddings in various exotic flavours, including 'Lemon and Pimms'!

Another area where Food for Thought has increased its range is in vegetarian and vegan party food.

However, while you are checking out High Street's independent shops, don't forget the the store's regular offers, in take-away food and hot drinks!

## GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG CAU FFORDD DROS DRO GOLEUADAU NADOLIG BARRI STRYD FAWR DYDD GWENER 29 TACHWEDD 2019

**RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN** fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud gorchymyn dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 fel a ganlyn:-
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### Atodlen

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| Dydd Gwener 29 Tachwedd 2019 | **Barri Stryd Fawr**, rhwng Stryd y farchnad a Stryd Dwyrain<br>**Ynys y Road Barri,** rhwng Broad Street a Heol y Frenhines | 12.00noon tan 10.00pm |

**Bydd gwyriadau lleol lofnodi ar waith**
Dyddiedig 14 Tachwedd 2019
**Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai**
**Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA**

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2019

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-
**WHEREAS** during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-
THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

### Schedule

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 |
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| Friday 29th November 2019 | **High Street Barry,** between Market Street and East Street<br>**Island Road Barry,** between Broad Street and Queen Street | 12.00noon to 10.00pm |

**Local Signed Diversions shall be in place**
Dated this14th day of November 2019
**Director of Environment & Housing**
**Vale of Glamorgan Council**
**The Alps Wenvoe CF5 6AA**

homes4u HOTLINE 01446 700111

To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or apply in writing to:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Environment and Housing
Civic Offices, Holton Road
Barry CF63 4RU
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 20TH NOVEMBER 2019**

**All Homes4U properties have double glazing and central heating unless otherwise stated and will be allocated to the maximum occupancy.**

It may take longer to rehouse you if you are awarded medical priority as there is a shortage of accessible and adapted homes in the Vale.

### BUTTRILLS WALK, BARRY (NO PETS)

*H4U reference 203028*
Pref to apps with a medical priority
• Three bed ground floor flat
• Wet Room
Rent £108.17 per week inc water

### WEST WALK, BARRY

*H4U reference 227608*
55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority. No history of antisocial behaviour
• One bed bungalow
• Level Access Shower
• Water Meter
Rent £105.13 per week

### REDLANDS HOUSE, PENARTH (NO PETS)

*H4U reference 243884*
60+ Pref to apps with a medical priority
• One bed flat
• Ground floor
• Level Access Shower
• Warden/Alarm
Rent £126.63 per week inc warden/water

### CERI ROAD, RHOOSE

*H4U reference 252366*
• Two bed flat
• Ground floor (3 steps up to)
• Wet Room
Rent £101.30 per week inc water

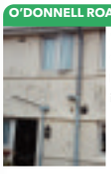
### GLANMOR CRESCENT, BARRY

*H4U reference 210320*
• Two bed flat
• Ground floor
Rent £96.90 per week inc water

### NORTH WALK, BARRY (NO PETS)

*H4U reference 217770*
40+
no history of antisocial behaviour
• One bed flat
• First floor
Rent £96.90 per week inc water

### O'DONNELL ROAD, BARRY



*H4U reference 218516*
• Three bed house
Rent £115.73 per week inc water

### SHELLEY CRESCENT, BARRY

*H4U reference 223406*
• Two bed house
Rent £115.73 per week inc water

### TENNYSON ROAD, BARRY

*H4U reference 225686*
• Three bed house
Rent £124.25 per week inc water

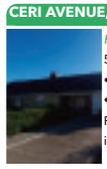
### FFERM GOCH, LLANGAN

*H4U reference 232823*
• Three bed house
• Oil heating
Rent £124.48 per week inc water

### LONGMEADOW COURT, COWBRIDGE

*H4U reference 230320*
60+ no Pets
• One Bed Flt
• First Floor
• Level Access Shower
• Warden
• Community Alarm

### CERI AVENUE, RHOOSE



*H4U reference 247139*
55+
• Bedsit Bungalow
• Level Access Shower
Rent £11.37 per week inc service charges

### EARL CRESCENT, BARRY

*H4U reference 208561*
55+ No Pets
• One Bed Flat
• Ground Floor
• Level Access Shower
Rent £101.79 per week including service charges

### ABERAERON CLOSE, BARRY

*H4U reference 283224*
• 2 bed house
Rent £117.94

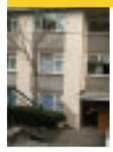
### OWAIN CLOSE, PENARTH

*H4U reference 199655*
• Two bed house
Rent £124.00 per week inc water charge

### NEWHOUSE COURT, BARRY

*H4U reference 199681*
55+ with a requirement for two bedrooms. Applicants in receipt of pension credit will also be considered.
• Two bed flat
• Ground floor
Rent £112.21 per week

### POWIS VIEW, BARRY



*H4U reference 1115931*
• Two Bed Flat
• Second Floor
Rent £113.39 per week

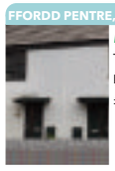
### HANOVER COURT, BARRY

*H4U reference 982571*
55+
• Two bed flat
• First floor (no lift)
Rent £113.73 per week

### BUTTLEE COURT, BARRY

*H4U reference 1042031*
• Three bed flat
• Second floor (no lift)
Rent £113.13 per week

### FFORDD PENTRE, BARRY X 2



*H4U reference 199851*
Two bed house
Downstairs wet room
£108.81 per week

### FFORDD PENTREY, BARRY X 2

*H4U reference 199863*
• Three bed house
• Downstairs wet room
Rent £119.70 per week

### ELLIS FISHER COURT, BARRY (NO PETS)

*H4U reference186000*
55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority
• One bed flat
• First floor (lift)
• Level access shower
• Independent Living Officer
Rent £135.78 per week inc service charge

### GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH (NO PETS)

*H4U reference*
55+
One bed flat
First floor (no lift)
Scheme Co-ordinator
Rent £148.54 per week inc service charge, water and heating

### HAYES ROAD, SULLY

*H4U reference199942*
• Two bed house
• Shower only
• Handrail on steps
Rent £98.00 per week

### PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY

*H4U reference 11011899*
55+ with a requirement for two bedrooms.
• Two bed flat
• First floor (no lift)
• Wet Room
Rent £101.43 per week inc service charge

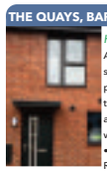
### THE QUAYS, BARRY WATERFRONT

*H4U reference 145197*
Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy, or a previous failed social tenancy, will be required to attend a tenancy ready workshop.
2 x 1 bed flat
Ground floor
Rent £92.23 per week. Service charge to be confirmed

### THE QUAYS, BARRY WATERFRONT

*H4U reference 199928*
Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy, or a previous failed social tenancy, will be required to attend a tenancy ready workshop.
• 2 x 1 bed flat
• First floor
Rent £92.23 per week. Service charge to be confirmed

### THE QUAYS, BARRY WATERFRONT



*H4U reference 1999162*
Applicants with no previous social housing tenancy, or a previous failed social tenancy, will be required to attend a tenancy ready workshop.
• 2 X 2 bed houses
Rent £112.84 per week. Service charge to be confirmed.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited for the following developments and you will need to be a member of Homes4u in order to be considered. A local lettings policy applies to all. Allocations are based on highest priority connection to the area, then banding and date. You will need to ring the Contact Centre on 01446 700111 in order to express your interest and you will be asked a series of questions regarding your local connection to the area and you will need to provide full details.

**1. COED Y FFYNNON, DINAS POWYS**

A) 3 x 1 bed ground floor flats
B) 3 x 1 bed first floor flats (no lift)
Rent £88.33 per week, service charge to be confirmed. No pets. Baths with overhead shower.

HOMES4U ARE IN THE PROCESS OF A RE-REGISTRATION EXERCISE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN REGISTERED FOR 12 MONTHS YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER FROM US ASKING IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ON THE LIST. YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE SLIP AND RETURN IT TO THE CIVIC OFFICES. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING CANCELLED.

**You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of the rented homes.**
When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference.
All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.

**Elan Close, Barry**
4/5 Beds, 2/3 Receps,
25 foot lounge, Sauna,
Garage, Drive, No Chain
**£375,000** B89

**Romilly Road, Barry**
Four Double Beds,
Three Storey's
Refurbished, Private Garden
**£345,000** C71

**Benecrofte, Rhoose**
Stunning 3 Bedroom Semi
Conservatory; Private Garden
Great Cul-De-Sac Location
**£220,000** tbc

**Coychurch Rise, Barry**
Bungalow
Two Double Beds
Modern Throughout
**£126,000** D59

**Walker Road, Barry**
Two Double Beds,
Conservatory,
Channel Views
**OIEO £130,000** E39

**Station Street, Barry**
THREE BEDROOMS
INFORMAL LOFT ROOM
F.F BATHROOM
**£137,950** E53

**Jewel Street, Barry**
Two Double Beds,
Modern Bathroom
Channel Views
**£145,000** D65

**Portland Drive, Barry**
Two Beds
Kitchen Open to Lounge
Rear Garden
**£154,950** B82

**Harbour Walk, Barry**
Two Beds
Kitchen Diner
South Facing Garden
**£165,000** B84

**Melrose Street, Barry**
Extended Detached
3/4 beds
2 Bathrooms
**£179,950** D61

**Gladstone Road, Barry**
Four Beds
Three Receps
Period Features
**£229,000** E51

**Thistle Close, Barry**
Three Bedrooms,
Garage, South Garden
En Suite, Conservatory
**£229,950** D65

**Heol Miaren, Barry**
Immaculate 3 Bedroom Detached
Generous Size Rear Garden
Refitted Bathroom & En-Suite
**£259,950** D67

**Maes Y Coed, Barry**
4/5 Beds, 2/3 Receps
Annexe Option
Beautifully Refurbed
**£550,000** E52

**Crib Y Sianel, Rhoose Point**
Delightful 3 Bedroom Semi
South Facing Rear Garden
Immaculate Order; No Chain
**£199,995** B84

**Fontygary Road, Rhoose**
3 Double Bedrooms
3 Reception Rooms
Very Spacious Throughout
**£219,950** D66

**Kenson Close, Rhoose**
Superb 4 Bedroom Semi - Sea VIews
Conservatory; Shower Room & Bathrm
Large Garage; Desirable Cul-De-Sac
**£225,000** D61

**Kemeys Road, Rhoose**
Semi Detached Bungalow
2/3 Receps; 2/3 Bedrooms
No Chain; Lovely Garden; Great Location
**£235,000** tbc

**Fontygary Road, Rhoose**
2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
Generous Rear Garden
Improvement Works Required
**£240,000** E47

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# Care home goes pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

*It's all gone pink at Tŷ Llandaff. (Photograph by Mike Dearden).*

**STAFF and residents from a Pontcanna care home went pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**

Tŷ Llandaff, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Conway Road, encouraged everyone to don pink outfits in support of Breast Cancer Now and donating £1 each.

Tŷ Llandaff started with 'pink make-up day', encouraging residents and visitors to show off their rosy cheeks. This was followed a week later by a day of pink smoothies and shakes, then 'pink food day' and finally, everyone dressed up in pink on the final Monday of the month.

Service manager Lisa Cristina said: "Many of our residents know someone affected by breast cancer and of course want to make sure that friends and family look after themselves, so doing our bit to raise awareness is important and if we can also help by raising some money for the work done by Breast Cancer Now, that will be wonderful."

# News from the Fonmon Apiary

**THE new apiary site is now ready to be occupied; it is still on Fonmon estate, but I cannot move any of the hives there until lower temperatures set in and confine the bees to their respective hives.**

Why is this?

A minimum distance of at least three miles is recommended due to the fact that bees use local landmarks to recognise their home base.

The new site is about a half-mile away and were I to move the hives while the bees are still actively out foraging, they would pick up on familiar landmarks and return to their old site.

So to aid the move, I require low temperatures to kick in and for the bees to adapt to a winter shutdown mode – this is not hibernation!

When temperatures are 10˚C or above and the weather is fair, honeybees will venture out quite readily, regardless of the fact that it is supposed to be winter.

The bees that occupy the hives in winter are not programmed to be foragers; their job is to keep their queen alive and to sustain themselves on the stores gathered in by their sisters earlier in the year, and to only emerge in the spring of the following year.

However, due to our milder winters, bee activity is a regular feature now and any activity equates to energy expenditure.

This expenditure of energy has to be supported from the in-hive food stores.

Although mild winters can be looked upon as a bit of a blessing, there is not much in the way of plants to forage for the active bees to collect.

To replenish their diminishing supplies, the beekeeper must stay alert and supply a ready-for-use alternative.

This alternative supply is a block of sugar dough (which looks like icing sugar, but is better for the bees), a commercially made product that the bees can consume straight away and not have to process it as they would if it was nectar from external flora.

Will all go as planned? Watch this space!

**Harold Williams**

# What's on, and where?

## Care and repair

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## VOGANTM meet

**THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members (VOGANTM) will be held at 11am on Wednesday, November 20 in the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge.**

The speaker will be Gareth Cheesman whose topic will be 'The Silk Road', an illustrated account of a seven-week journey from Beijing to Istanbul.

Please note that all our meetings from November to March will be held at 11am, with coffee available beforehand and lunch afterwards. Guests are welcome for this meeting.

## Parkinson's drop-in

**LLANTWIT Major Parkinson's drop-in cafe meets next on Wednesday, November 20 from 1.30pm–3.30pm in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.**

The guest speaker will talk about her latest project with Parkinson's UK entitled: 'Slow Motion 'SELF'ies'.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information call Martin Simmonds on 01446 796310.

## Cancer Research Quiz

**THE quiz will take place upstairs in Barry's West End Club on St Nicholas Road, Barry on Wednesday, November 20.**

A prompt start is envisaged at 8pm, £3 per person payable at the door. All money raised goes directly to Cancer Research UK.

## Big Screen

**BIG Screen's next film is *Fighting With My Family* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, November 21 at 7.30pm in the Cowbridge Town Hall.**

It stars Dwayne Johnson (The Rock) as himself, Thomas Whilley and Torri Ellen Ross; a real crowd pleaser!

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

## U3A History Group

**THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will comprise short presentations on 'Two Weddings and a Coronation'; 'Hiroshima; a City Resurrected from Ashes' and a Show and Tell at 10am on Thursday, November 21 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall.**

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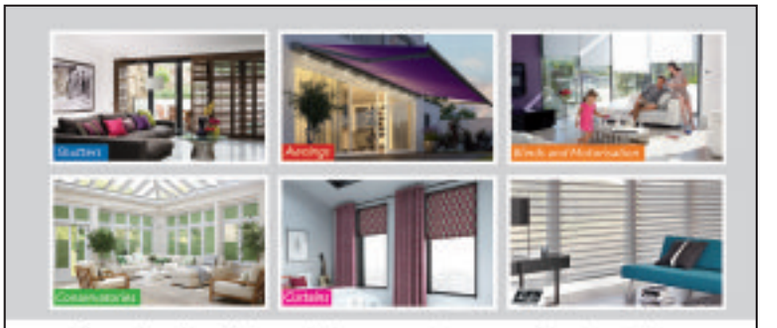

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Passed away on Thursday, 7th November 2019 at St Peters and St James Hospice, East Sussex, after a long hard and determined fought battle against a brain tumour.
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# DYKE
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**Peacefully passed away at Holme Towers on 5th November, aged 61 years. Gary a much loved brother to Kevin and Linda, uncle to Christopher, Justin, Joanne, Melanie and brother-in-law to David and Elaine.**

***A special thank you to Lisa and Kathy for all the help and support you gave to Gary.***

***Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.***

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held on Friday, 22nd November at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

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# REES
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**Passed away peacefully on 5th November 2019 at University Hospital of Wales, surrounded by his loving family. Cherished and adored dad to all his children and his beloved fur baby, Jon-Boy. Wonderful grandad and great-grandad.**

***Hippie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.***

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# JONES
## May Alicia

**Passed away peacefully on Friday, 8th November 2019, May, beloved wife of John and dearly loved mother of Paul, daughter-in-law Christine and a loving nan of Matthew and Andrew.**

***May will also be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.***

A funeral service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 12 noon on Monday, 25th November. This will be followed by a short service at Coity Chapel, Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1:15pm before returning to the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, for refreshments.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu may be made to the British Heart Foundation c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

# PARRY
## Suzanne

**Passed away peacefully on 7th November 2019, aged 52 years. Adored and proud mum of Geraint, dearly loved daughter of Christine and the late Brian, loving sister of Nicola and Gareth. Loved by all the extended family and her many friends. Also dearly missed by our pet dog 'Maisey'.**

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral will be on 25th November at 11am at All Saints Church, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please and donations in memory of Suzanne can be made at the service or sent to the funeral directors to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

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# KELLAWAY
## Joyce

**Peacefully on 7th November at home, Joyce sadly passed away. A beloved wife to the late Jack, much loved mum of John, Richard, Billy, Jean, Sally, Leslie, Martyn and Susan. Respected and special mother-in-law, cherished nan and great-nan to all her grandchildren.**

***Joyce will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.***

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Family request colourful clothing be worn.

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# REES
## Anne

**Peacefully on Monday, 4th November 2019 at Monkstone House Care Home, Anne formerly of Upper Park Farm, Stormy Down. Beloved wife of the late Glyn, a dearly loved sister and aunt.**

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# WILKINS
## Bernard

**Passed away on Tuesday, 5th November 2019 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Bernard of Maes y Fedwen, Broadlands, Bridgend. Loving husband of Janet and a dearly loved father of Kevin, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.**

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 18th November at 11am.

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# AUSTIN
## William John

**Passed away peacefully at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend on Friday, 8th November. Beloved husband of the late Mair, loving father of Alun, Leighton, Philip and Meryl and a proud grandfather to his six grandchildren and great-grandfather to his seven great-grandchildren.**

Funeral on Friday, 22nd. November. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 10am.

Donations in lieu of flowers to Y Bwthyn Newydd c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel 01656 650831.

The family have requested that club ties be worn at the funeral service.

# NICHOLAS
## Mary Philippa (*née Michinton*)

**Passed way peacefully at home following a long illness, on 29th October 2019, aged 88 years. Devoted wife of the late Bob, loving mother of Robert, Ian and Simon, mum-in-law to Susan, Elaine and Julie, grandmother to Kate, Ben, James, Laura, Sian and Shaun.**

***Mary will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.***

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 20th November at 11am.

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## Thank You

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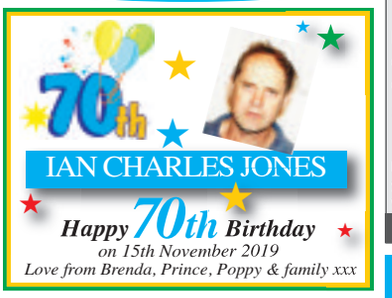
## Birthdays

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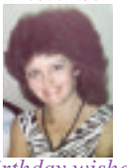
*on 19th November 2019*



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# Aled Thomas - 200 senior Ath appearances

*ABOVE: Aled scoring a try against Whitland in February 2013.*
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*ABOVE: Aled Thomas picking up Best Back Award.*
*Credit to Glennsports.*

**ATH scrum half and vice-captain Aled Thomas became a double Athletic centurion when he made his 200th senior appearance for the club in the 14-8 away win in the local derby against Tondu in the Div 1 West Central game at Pandy Park on Nov 9.**

He has played in all eight league and cup games this season – and is vice-captain. Aled is always looking for gaps and opportunities to speed up the game, as well as possessing a good tactical kicking awareness.

Like club captain Ben Howe, Aled played his junior rugby at Pencoed. Along with Nathan Holman, Matthew Norman and Tom Morgan they all played in the Mid District side. Aled won three Boys Clubs of Wales U16 Caps, being awarded MOM against Belgium Colts at the Heisel Stadium.

Aled and Ben both joined the Athletic Youth in season 2008-2009. This was the most successful year in the history of the Ath Youth. The undefeated side won a Welsh League and Cup double at the Millenium Stadium against Merthyr and Waunarlwydd. Besides Aled and Ben, current Ath players from that successful youth team in this season's squad include prop Matthew Norman and hooker Nathan Holman.

Aled has played a total of 200 senior Athletic games, 188 for the 1ST XV scoring 32 tries and 192 points. He has been a regular Glamorgan County player making 12 county appearances and awarded a county Cap, and was selected to captain the County at Pyle, but the game was cancelled.

He is also a Glamorgan County Silver Ball Cup winner – though not with the Athletic. At the end of last season 2018-2019 he played on permit for Nantyfyllon in their win against Div 1 West Central and promoted side Ystalyfera.

# Bridgend Athletic Youth 31 - Llandaff North Youth 17

DIVISION C East Osprey Youth Bridgend Athletic entertained Blues Conference Llandaff North in a friendly.

Both sides have won all their respective league fixtures and in a very competitive game the Athletic ran out 31-17, outscoring their visitors by five tries to three. This completed a senior and youth treble over the weekend.

The Ath started very strongly piling on the pressure; however failed to capitalise, making numerous errors in attacking situations, probably due to a lack of rugby in the preceding four weeks. A missed tackle in the opposition 22 saw Llandaff North break clear and score a great length of the field try to open the scoring.

A short while later, another missed tackle again saw Llandaff score a second try to go 12-0 up completely against the run of play. This then spurred the Ath on with centre Tom Reed regularly smashing holes through the midfield. One such break saw him drive through before feeding fellow centre Danny Osarigie, who flew over under the posts for a well worked try converted by outside half Rhys Williams.

From the re-start the Ath again attacked and were awarded a penalty on the Llandaff 10 metre line. A quick tap from captain Jack Obbard saw him feed second row Morgan Thomas who sprinted away before throwing a long pass to wing George Tellem, to crash over in the corner for a brilliant score.

Rhys Williams narrowly missing the conversion. This levelled the scores at 12-12 at half time.

Ten Athletic changes were made at half time in order to give all players game time and the Ath then started to dominate all facets of the game. A quick lineout in Llandaff 22 saw the ball spilled backwards. However, flanker Fynn Mordecai scooped up the loose ball and drove through for a great score which was converted by Williams. Llandaff again hit back to crash over in the corner for a good score, which remained unconverted to reduce their deficit to 19-17.

This again spurred the Ath on with forwards now dominating and Tom Reed regularly continuing to smash holes through the midfield. Another driving lineout on the opposition 22 had the Ath maul hurtling to the try line, only for Llandaff to try to bring it down illegally and then enter the maul from the Ath side - the referee correctly awarding a penalty try.

From the re-start centre Tom Reed punched through the midfield deep inside his own half before again feeding fellow centre Danny Osarigie who sprinted fully 60 metres to outstrip the Llandaff defence and score wide out, to make the final score 31-17.

It was a very good workout for two teams in contention to win their respective leagues. The Ath will look to cut out the mistakes and missed tackles as they move forward over the coming weeks.

This coming Saturday, November 16 they have another friendly, an away game at Dunvant.

# Blu support for Red and Blacks!

**THE Radisson Blu hotel in Cardiff has been one of Dinas Powy FC's main sponsors for seven years and this year, as well as sponsoring the senior section, the hotel is sponsoring the club's new under-6 and under-9 girls' teams.**

To celebrate, the hotel recently put on a tea party for the two teams and parents at the hotel.

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# Cowbridge Cricket Club celebrates at annual dinner

**MORE than 90 members, players, parents and friends gathered at the Athletic Club to celebrate the end of the 2019 cricket season.**

It has been an excellent season with the first XI gaining promotion to Premier B league next season, thus taking the second XI with them.

A meal was provided by Andrew Tucker washed down by some excellent wine provided by Colin 'Trustmark' White; our five major sponsors, Press Metal UK, Mulberry Financial company, One Town Hall Square, Specsavers and the Vale Resort also sent representatives.

Chairman Hugh Williams welcomed the guests which included Gerald Ellias of Glamorgan CC, Ricky Needham of St Fagans, Neil Hobbs of SWCA, and John Griffiths of the RFC).

Our guest of honour was Roy Noble, presenter and broadcaster of BBC radio and television. He entertained the gathering with humour and stories of Welsh characters of his life experiences – an outstanding hour of interest.

Both the chairman and captain reflected on the year gone by with the former thanking his committee for their dedication, coaches of the various age groups and others who have helped in running junior teams.

He thanked the parents for their support and also our two resident scorers for their weekly dedication on Saturday afternoons - Sarah Russell with the firsts and Jeffrey Davies with the seconds.

He thanked Jonathan Smart for his efforts, in the club gaining club mark accreditation to Premier cricket. Chris spoke about the highlights of the successful first XI season with opening bat Ben Wright breaking the club record for runs scored in a season standing now at 1,395. His average was 126.82.

He also gained the highest scorer in all the SWCA leagues and was top wicket taker with 34 victims. Ian Harris of the second XI also gained division 5 best wicket keeper with 19 dismissals.

Jack Cropper was also in good form scoring runs for the midweek T20 team, who won the Cardiff and Vale Mid-week Cup. His average was 144 runs from seven innings. Mention was also made of Owain Scholey who acquitted himself well in the first XI at the age of 13.

One of the highlights was the presentation of awards:

H Cup for first XI player of the year: Ben Wright; JS Williams Salver second XI player of the year: Louis Sevenoaks; T20 Player of the season: Jack Cropper; Colin Adams Shield Young player of the year: Owain Scholey; Ben Wright Trophy County and beyond: Theo Walker;

Peter Finucane 'Catch it' trophy: Tom Williams.

The climax of the awards presentation was the last with the Trustmark Trophy 'For services off the field' being awarded to our president Jeff Bird. In the last two years he has been instrumental in the building of the new groundsman shed, revamping of the Fred Dunn gates, author of the book on the history of the club, relaying a new bank and hedge to the north boundary of the ground and instrumental in acquiring the new electronic score box. He was also honoured with a Life Member award and presented with a one-off club blazer.

A standing ovation followed these two well merited awards, by all those present.

# Quest to find the best Welsh chef gets underway

**THE annual quest to find the best senior and junior Welsh chefs has been launched by the Culinary Association of Wales (CAW).**

The 2020 National and Junior Chef of Wales competitions provide the perfect stage for talented chefs to show their skills. With the November 30 deadline fast approaching, chefs need to hurry up and submit their entry forms, which may be downloaded at: www.welshculinaryassociation.com/index.php/competitions./ From the entries, which must include the chef's own creative menu, a panel of judges will select regional finalists who will be given three hours to serve up a three-course dinner for four people.

Regional finals will be held in January and the four highest scoring chefs in each competition will qualify for the finals, which will be held at Cardiff and Vale College's City Centre campus in Cardiff on March 30. The finals will be followed by an evening awards dinner in the college's Classroom Restaurant.

National Chef of Wales competitors must submit a menu with a starter suitable for vegans, a main course using two different cuts of Welsh Beef and a dessert including chocolate as the main ingredient. Awaiting the winner will be £1,000, a study tour hosted by Koppert Cress in the Netherlands, an engraved set of cook's knives made by Friedr Dick and £250 worth of personally selected tableware products from Churchill.

Junior Chef of Wales competitors must submit a three-course menu including a starter suitable for vegans, a main course using Welsh Lamb and a dessert including Welsh honey.

The winner will secure an all-expenses-paid visit with the CAW to the World Chefs Congress 2020 in St Petersburg, Russia, where he or she will be part of the Worldchefs Young Chefs Club.

*National Chef of Wales 2019 winner Gavin Kellett and last year's Junior Chef winner Sion Hughes with Culinary Association of Wales president Arwyn Watkins*

In addition, he or she will be invited to a study tour hosted by Koppert Cress in the Netherlands, receive a set of engraved Friedr Dick Knives, £100 worth of Churchill tableware and be seeded through to the semi-finals of the Young National Chef of the Year contest organised by the Craft Guild of Chefs.

In both competitions chefs must use a majority of Welsh products, which will form part of the judges' marking schedule. To qualify, chefs must be of Welsh descent or work or study in Wales. National Chef of Wales entrants must be over the age of 23 and Junior Chef of Wales competitors must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years on February 1, 2020.

It's the first time for many years that the competitions have been held separately from the Welsh International Culinary Championships, which are normally held in February. However, due to a clash with the Culinary Olympics next February, the CAW has opted to make changes. Arwyn Watkins, CAW president, explained: "We think it's important that the National and Junior Chef of Wales finals become a stand alone event, rather being a part of the Welsh International Culinary Championships.

"Chefs who qualify for the finals deserve the kudos of having their own day and platform to showcase their skills. Having received record entries last year, we are hoping to maintain the quality and level of interest befitting the premier competitions for Welsh chefs."

The competitions are organised by the CAW and main sponsor is Food and Drink Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government's department representing the food and drink industry. Other sponsors include Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales, Churchill, Koppertcress and Friedr Dick Knives. For more information about the competitions, contact Vicky Watkins at the CAW on office@welshculinaryassociation.com.

# Tondu Titans secure gutsy draw with Porth Harlequins

*ABOVE: Carys Thomas with the first home try. Photo by JASP (James and Sarah Photos)*

*ABOVE: Kerys Maddern in possession. Photo by JASP (James and Sarah Photos)*

**SUNDAY saw the Tondu Titans ladies battle it out to stretch their undefeated streak to five games with a 10–all home draw against Porth Harlequins.**

It was a strong physical encounter from start to finish from both sides battling it out to secure those tries.

The visitors got in with an early try at 15 minutes, with no conversion made.

They continued to cause problems for the home team, attacking strong and fast and keeping them in their own quarter.

The Titans held them off with an excellent defensive line and good tackles were put in by fly half Carys Thomas and prop Katy Sage.

It was still 5–0 to Porth at the interval.

Tondu were quick off the mark at the restart and were soon in possession, with Carys Thomas seeing a gap in the defence and making a quick break, landing the home side with their first try within two minutes of play.

Good attack came from the home side, seeing inside centre Kerys Maddern making yards with good clean breaks.

Porth, however, made good use of a turnover and scored a second try to lead 10–5.

Late in the second half, Tondu's forwards made good ground and the backs joined in, with quick hands and fast play for outside centre Natalie Hooper to break away with Laura Warren in support.

The full back received the ball and scored the Titans a much-needed second try – making it equal 10-10.

The final plays were full of attack and strong defence from both sides, leaving the final score a very close draw.

Tondu put in an impressive performance: and it showed how much they have improved since their last encounter with the Porth ladies at their home ground at the beginning of the season.

Forward of the match: (prop) Katy Sage.

Back of the match: (inside centre) Kerys Maddern.

On November 17 the league takes the Tondu Titans to Blaina as they travel away for their next fixture.

**Jade Lines**

# Matt Maynard appointed Glamorgan head coach

**GLAMORGAN Cricket are pleased to announce that Matt Maynard has been appointed as the club's head coach.**

Maynard has signed a three-year deal which will see him remain at the club until at least the end of the 2022 season. The former Glamorgan captain and head coach returned to the club in late 2017 as a batting consultant, before being named as the interim head coach for the 2019 season. He guided the Welsh county to fourth place in division two in the Specsavers County Championship as his side narrowly missed out on promotion.

Maynard has extensive experience in the head coach role, having previously been in the position at Glamorgan between 2008 and 2010. Following his departure he enjoyed a successful stint with the Titans, winning the domestic four-day competition as well as the domestic T20 competition in his first year at the club.

Maynard then spent three years at Somerset as their director of cricket before re-joining Glamorgan.

The 53-year-old was also an assistant coach under Duncan Fletcher when the England team won the Ashes in 2005. Maynard had a glittering 20 year playing career with Glamorgan where he amassed over 24,000 first-class runs and struck a club record 54 first-class centuries. He famously captained the side to the County Championship title in 1997, and played a key role in three one-day competition victories in 1993, 2002 and 2004.

Maynard also represented England 18 times, in four Test matches and 14 ODIs, between 1988 and 2000. "It's very exciting to be able to carry on the work we started this year.

"I love being a part of this club and I have enjoyed working with the players and coaching staff throughout the season. There is lots of talent within the squad and we have a good mix of young players and experienced heads.

"We saw a big improvement in the County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup but it's important we continue that upward trajectory and take our form across into the Vitality Blast next season."

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, added: "We are delighted to have secured Matt as our permanent head coach. After conducting a thorough review of the season with players, coaches and staff it became apparent Matt should continue his role as head coach. The side showed a great deal of improvement across two of the three formats under his leadership and came very close to gaining promotion in the County Championship.

"Matt is a highly experienced head coach who has developed his skills around the world and possesses an intimate knowledge of the club and how we are structured. He has developed a very good rapport with the players since his return and helped to improve their individual games and mind sets.

"Retaining Matt is great news for the club and we look forward to him carrying on his fine work at Glamorgan over the next few years."

# Results from Old Hall Bridge Club

**THE latest results from the Old Hall Bridge Club are:**

October 30: first, John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 62.5%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis, 62.15%; third, Glenda Roberts and Vida Halford, 58.33%; Joint fourth, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones and Colin and Judith Nunn, 53.82%.

November 6: First, Brenda Grove and Stan Harding, 59.03%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis, 58.68%; third, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones, 58.62%; fourth, Julie Evans and Ann Birt, 57.29%; fifth, Teri Pollard and Sara Bartlett, 55.21%.

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# Barry Men's Skittles and Crib roundup

**Alan Rosser Cup**

Group A: Geest 266, CUD 242; Hairy Lemons 270, Colcot Boys 240.

Points: Geest 3, Hairy Lemons 3, Colcot Boys 2, CUD 0.

**Group B:** Sea View 298, Witchill Nomads 253; Cannon Balls 275, Park Lads 253.

Points: Cannon Balls 4, Sea View 2, Witchill Nomads 2, Park Lads 0.

**Group C:** Bunker Boys 297, Cocoa Nuts 265; Tynny Lads 257, Merrymen 285.

Points: Bunker Boys 4, Merrymen 4, Cocoa Nuts 0, Tynny Lads 0.

**Group D:** Willie Wombles 275, Alternatives 240; Witchill Poachers 264, Cavaliers 267.

Points: Willie Wombles 4, Cavaliers 4, Witchill Poachers 0, Alternatives 0.

**Group E:** Blue Monkey 355, Royalists 348.

Points: Blue Monkey 4, Royalists 2, Ex Servicemen 0, Castle Boys 0.

**Group F:** 49ers 298, Billy Bluebirds 251; Exiles 278, Barry Park B 253.

Points: 49ers 4, Exiles 2, Billy Bluebirds 2, Barry Park B 0.

**Group G:** British Rail 252, Billy Flyers 263.

Points: Billy Flyers 4, British Rail 2, Posties 0, Park Rangers 0.

**Group H:** Billy Whizz 282, BP Breakaways 267; H Bells 289, Abercrete 287.

Points: H Bells 4, Billy Whizz 2, BP Breakaways 2, Abercrete 0.

**Crib Knockout Cup**

First round, 1st leg: West End 7, Rhoose Social 8; Wyndham Cons 9, Cadoxton Cons 6; Moors Boys 6, Romilly Railway 9.

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# An encouraging week for Barry Chess Club teams as Camelots win at Cardiff

**THIS week there were matches for the Barry Camelots and Barry Gambits in the East Glamorgan Chess League, and there was also a late result from the previous week for the Gambits.**

On October 30, the Gambits made the short trip to play the Cardiff Dragons. Both of these teams were flirting with relegation.

On board one, John Stephenson had a good draw with Marcel Vesz despite being a pawn down.

On board three, Mike O'Leary outplayed his opponent and would have queened a pawn, winning material to take a win.

On board four, Peter Watkins took advantage of his opponent's faulty opening to sacrifice a bishop for two pawns guarding his opponent's king to earn a victory. Unfortunately, we lost on the other two boards, meaning the spoils were shared.

On November 4, the Gambits played at home to the Pontypridd Spartans who had a 100 per cent record to become one of the favourites for promotion. Their players were all rated above ours.

My match finished first in my typical drawn position. Next to finish was Sam White. His opponent made an error so another draw was taken.

On board three, Ian Abraham won his game, having two passed pawns.

Board two was an interesting rook and knight finish. Martin Ricketts with white held a pawn advantage but was in danger of losing to a back rank mate. However, Martin held the advantage only because it was his turn to move, checking his opponent's King whereby in error, the king was placed in the corner allowing a pretty mate.

In the final match, Ieuan Thomas offered a draw which was turned down. It took over 30 minutes before his opponent finally agreed it was a drawn match, giving the Gambits an encouraging win by 3.5 – 1.5.

The Gambits now sit in a healthy fifth position, four points above the relegation zone.

In division two, the Camelots travelled to play the North Cardiff Titans. We held a rating advantage on the top four boards and picked up wins from Matthew Davies, Joe Turner and Dave Parsons, with Steve Cunliffe chipping in with a draw. We couldn't pick up anything on board five but it was enough to give us a victory by 3.5 – 1.5.

This win put us on top of the table for 24 hours. We now sit in second place. Only a half point separates the top three in the second division but the Camelots have a game in hand. The three teams relegated from the top division last season occupy three of the top four places so they could all return to division one, unless the North Cardiff Panthers can stop them.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm most Mondays at the West End Club, Barry, CF62 6QY. New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night and arrange for someone to greet you. For more details visit our website at *http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com*

**PJ**

# Albert have a night out with the Devils!

**LAST week, at the magnificent Viola Arena the Cardiff Devils played The Guildford Flames in a nerve-racking game of ice hockey.**

Three blocks of the crowd were made up of over 170 children, family members, governors and staff from Albert Primary School and at 4pm the match began: the puck hit the ice, and off they went.

The Flames struck first and held on to the 1-0 lead into the first intermission, but the middle period saw the Devils strike back. Joey Martin tied the game up, then McMonagle scored one of his own on the powerplay with Martin setting him up to give the Devils a 2-1 lead. The Devils doubled their lead when Mattias Sointu scored on a wraparound to make it 3-1. Guildford then scored two goals and tied the game at 3-3, which is how the third period ended.

The Devils had plenty of chances in extra time, with Joey Martin getting the best opportunity but the puck hit the post and kept the game tied after five minutes of sudden death overtime. In the shoot-out, Watters and Joey Haddad both scored to keep it tied until the final shooter for both teams.

TJ Foster scored the game-winner on the Flames' final shot and then Travis Fullerton stopped the Devils' Mark Richardson to seal the win.

Albert pupils and staff had a fabulous afternoon, made even better when the Albert Primary school attendees got to meet and chat with the players. We would like to thank Mr Francis and the Cardiff Devils for giving us this opportunity – and we can't wait to come back and watch a game soon!

## On and off the turf with Brian Lee

# Good win for Isabel at Exeter

**LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams landed the £14,620 Coral Co UK Novices Chase at Exeter on November 5 on her mother Catherine's *Virginia Chick*, which beat the well fancied Kim Bailey's *Commodore Barry* by three parts of a length.**

A 14-1 chance, ex-hurdler *Virginia Chick* is trained by Isabel's father Evan Williams, a former national champion point-to-point rider. "He jumped really well," said Isabel who was given a two-day whip ban.

**Connor's success at Sandown**

CONNOR Brace landed the Conditionals Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park last Sunday on Fergal O'Brien's top weighted *Lord Of The Island*, which got home by one-and-a-half lengths from *Star Of Lanka*. *Lord Of The Island,* a 4-1 chance, at 11 was the oldest horse in the race.

**Adam wins at Ffos Las**

ADAM Wedge won the novices' hurdle at Ffos Las on Sunday. Riding the Evan Williams'-trained *Holly James*, he had one-and-a-quarter lengths to spare over John Flint's 50-1 outsider *The Wire Flyer*, partnered by Charlie Price. *Holly James* was returned at odds of 10-1. Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn took the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle with *Nabhan* which, under NF Houlihan, scored by three parts of a length from *On The Quiet* ridden by Isabel Williams.

**Adam's Aintree winner**

EVAN Williams' *The Last Day*, confidently ridden by Adam Wedge, was an impressive winner of the Download The App At Virgin Bet Handicap Chase over two miles at Aintree last Saturday. Racing for the first time in 237 days, seven-year-old *The Last Day*, the 2-1 favourite was in a prominent position throughout and scored by five lengths from *Baby King*. Adam was chalking-up his 33rd winner of the season and the winner is owned by point-to-point stalwarts William and Angela Rucker.

**Wincanton win**

AT Wincanton, Ben Jones rode another big race winner for the second weekend when landing the Richard Barber Memorial Mares' Handicap Hurdle on *Misty Bloom*, which had been backed from 18-1 to 9-2. Winning trainer Emma Lavelle said: "Ben gave the horse a super ride."

# £1,000 cash boost for talented young ice skater

**A TALENTED young ice skater has been given a helpful £1,000 cash boost to cover her training and competition expenses.**

Lily Grace, from Cwmbran, received the money from Persimmon Homes East Wales through its Community Champions project.

She is ranked 34 out of 488 in her skating category in the UK and recently finished seventh in the British Championship Solo Ice Dance competition.

Persimmon donates up to £1,000 to two organisations or individuals in the area with Cardiff's City Hospice benefiting alongside eight-year-old Lily.

Emma Walding, who applied for funding on Lily's behalf, said: "We are thrilled that Lily has received the donation.

"Lily has been identified as having an outstanding aptitude and presence on the ice which will enable her to go further with her ice skating."

She added: "This money will help her progress in the sport by helping to pay for the training and equipment she needs."

*ABOVE: Lily Grace in action on the ice.*

# St Mary's seniors' winter competition

**DURING brief respites in the seemingly incessant October rain, the seniors of St Mary's Golf Club managed to squeeze in their annual Tri-captains' competition.**

Played over three weeks, the section's members were allocated to one of three teams headed, respectively, by the current captain (Dave Hughes), the vice-captain (Steve Phillips) and the previous year's captain (Hugh Williams). Over the three legs, three-balls comprising one member from each team took to the fairways with six points up for grabs on every hole. Four points were awarded to the winner and two to the second placed player.

In the event of ties, the points were shared. At the end of each round the hole by hole scores were totalled up for each of the three teams and then finally accumulated over the three legs.

Course conditions dictated that the event was played over a shortened course of just 12 holes for the first leg and 16 holes for both the second and third legs. When the competition secretary finally put the abacus back into its case, Williams' team emerged as the victors by a commanding margin with a score of 75 points to second placed Hughes' team's 55 points. Phillips' team trailed on 44 points.

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# Bridgend Bridge Club in November

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are:**

On November 6: First, Tony Disley and Mike Best; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Mike Best.

On November 7: First, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies. The winners on handicap were Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks.

The Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs competition was played on November 8: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

On November 15, the three-day Porthcawl Bridge Congress starts and Bridgend Bridge Club will be closed that evening.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday evening at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email *steve@steve-burgoyne.plus.com*.

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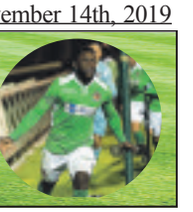

# Two penalty tries hamper depleted Barry at Treorchy

**AFTER a week without a game, it was back to business for the Barry First XV last Saturday when they travelled for an WRU East Central League One fixture against second-placed Treorchy RFC.**

With a number of regulars unavailable, it was an opportunity for some younger members to make their mark.

In calm but overcast and soggy conditions, Barry kicked off and the ball was immediately knocked on to give Barry the first scrum of the day. With the visitors lacking a bit of scrummage weight they needed quick ball and unfortunately, under pressure the ball was mishandled.

Home scrum half Nathan Griffiths hacked on towards the Barry line and, in the chase that followed, the referee decided he had been obstructed. To the dismay of the travelling supporters, he awarded Treorchy a penalty try. With only a couple of minutes played, the hosts had a 7 - 0 lead.

Barry immediately came back with a number of attacking moves, only to be denied by a resolute defence. However, continued pressure by Barry, with some penetrating runs by prop Alyn Evans, resulted in a penalty against the home No 4, Jordan Thomas, for not releasing. Barry full back Kyle Barros made no mistake with the kick from 40 yards out.

For the next five minutes or so Barry continued to attack but in their eagerness to add to the score, they were caught off side. Treorchy fly-half Jordan Lloyd, found touch just outside the Barry 22 with a long relieving kick. From the lineout, a take and drive by the home pack was stopped, but a Barry player was caught offside and Lloyd made no mistake with the kick to put them in to the lead by 10–3.

Barry continued to attack and were awarded a penalty just inside the Treorchy half. Although within Barros' range, the decision was made to kick for touch. From the line out ,a take and drive from Barry was set up and flanker Luke O'Sullivan broke away, only to be tackled within yards of the Treorchy line and then deemed to have not released the ball

The penalty kick found touch just inside the Barry half of the field and from the line-out, an attacking move resulted in scrum half Nathan Griffiths scoring a try wide out, converted by Jordon Lloyd.

With the score at 17-3 after 30 minutes, Barry had to try and step up their game. They tried to set up attacking moves only to be repelled by some resolute defending. However, a Treorchy centres was caught offside and Kyle Barros made no mistake with the penalty to make the score 17- 6.

On the stroke of 40 minutes, a penalty was awarded to Treorchy and the kick found touch 15 metres from the Barry line. The take and drive was deemed to have been pulled down by the Barry pack. A second penalty try made it 24–6.

The second half started with Barry setting up attacking moves in an attempt to reduce themargin. As usually happens when one tries too hard, mistakes are made and this is exactly what happene. After five minutes, Treorchy jumped on one of these mistakes and scored another converted try to put the game out of reach at 31–6.

To be fair to Barry, they did not give up and tried time and time again to penetrate the Treorchy defence. For the next 20 minutes or so the match was evenly balanced with both sides setting up attacking moves only to be stopped by some sterling work by the opposite defence.

When it seemed that the score of 31–6 would be the result, Treorchy managed to break through to score their fifth try of the game ,giving a final result of 38–6.

This was only Barry's sixth game in a new higher division against a side who have been in and around the upper tiers of welsh rugby for many years and to be fair to Barry, the score line was not a true reflection of the differential between the two sides.

Treorchy have only lost one game this season to a side that Barry have already beaten. With Barry missing regular players in their backs it was down to the younger players in the squad to try and match the more experienced players of Treorchy and to their credit, they gave their all and should be proud of their efforts.

**Barry team:** *Alyn Evans, Dave Evans, Sam Bowditch, Sion Vidal, Rob Williams, Garth Peake, Luke O'Sullivan, Harry Moyle, Evan Wall, Kyle Johns, Chris Lockyer, Dave Provis, Danny Ryan, Ross Merrills and Kyle Barros.*

**Replacements:** *Richard Williams, Lucas Davies, John Miles, Nathan Harris, Jake Goodfellow and Jamie Oaten.*

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Barry First XV face another hard encounter this weekend when they face Rhydfelin in the league at the Reservoir Field, kick off at 2.30pm. The Second XV are at home against Pentyrch, also at 2.30pm, whilst the Youth XV travel to play Rhiwbina.

The Club Lottery rolls over to £5,650 this week after last weeks numbers 07 - 08 - 20 and 22 failed to find a winner. One ticket matched 3 numbers to win £10.

**AJ**

# 10-man Barry no match for Connah's Quay Nomads

*Jordan Cotterill returned to action in the second half on Saturday.*

**SATURDAY'S scrap for top spot in the JD Cymru Premier turned out to be a disappointingly one-sided affair, as 10-man Barry Town were ripped apart at Jenner Park by ruthless Connah's Quay Nomads.**

A close contest was expected between the two title-chasing contenders but successive cards for Jonathan Hood within a matter of moments forced Barry to play for over an hour with 10 men; a handicap that proved too great against rugged opposition.

In truth, Connah's Quay had the edge from the early stages, with striker Michael Wilde heading in at the back post to open the scoring on 25 minutes, a stage where both sides remained at full strength.

However, the twin blow of Wilde's opener and Hood's dismissal for dissent three minutes later set the tone for a torrid afternoon, with Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis forced to retrieve the ball from his net three more times before the eventual respite of referee Dean John's final whistle.

After Kayne McLaggon came close to equalising with a dynamic scissors kick, Jamie Insall went one better; leaping to connect with a diverted effort from an acute angle and double the Nomads' lead, as luckless Lewis, who had dived to prevent the initial shot, could only scramble in vain.

Then, in first-half stoppage time, Wilde swept in to follow up on a low Lewis save, placing home Connah's Quay's third and presenting Barry with a Herculean task for the second period.

With the ever-physical visitors adding five further yellows to their pre-Christmas card collection, Barry found precious little opportunities to get back, a Luke Cummings strike from long distance one of few attempts that even slightly concerned the Nomads' goalkeeper Lewis Brass.

Conversely, Town's match-day misery was magnified after 55 minutes, when former Hibernian and East Fife forward Insall exploited the Barry backline to head in the fourth from close quarters.

To his credit, Barry goalkeeper Lewis made two strong saves in the game's final third, yet Andy Morrison's charges were already home and dry, as they saw out the biggest ever win for a Connah's Quay Nomads team at Jenner Park.

The introduction of a second-half substitute, in this case the returning Jordan Cotterill, was one of the only positive points for the Jenner Park outfit.

Saturday's result means Nomads now sit top of the Cymru Premier with 30 points from 14 games, ahead of Barry in second, with 27 points from 13 and Bala Town in third, with 24 from 14.

Champions TNS saw their home game with Carmarthen Town fall victim of the weather, leaving the New Saints adrift in fourth, while Caernarfon Town and Cardiff Met University complete the top six.

This weekend, Barry tackle another side with top six aspirations in Cefn Druids, a team that had won each of their last three fixtures, before similar snow disruption prevented them playing on Saturday.

Kick-off this Saturday at The Rock is 2.30pm, with Barry's next home match being the re-arranged and televised derby with Rhys Griffiths' Penybont at Jenner Park on Friday, November 22 (8pm).

Meanwhile, Town have been drawn at home to Cymru Premier mainstays Newtown in the third round of the JD Welsh Cup; a draw that is remarkably the first time the two teams (who have contested seven finals apiece) have ever been paired together in the 132-year old tournament.

The third round's only all-Cymru Premier tie, Barry vs Newtown will be played to a finish on Saturday, December 6; seven days after the sides meet at Jenner Park in the league itself.

**Report by Ashley Cox**

# Vale of Glamorgan Football League Round Up

**IT was touch and go, but we got Vale football again for the first team in weeks!**

Vale United vs Cadoxton Barry, Island Marine's SWFA Cup game vs Church Village and Penarth Town B vs Barry Vikings succumbing to water-logged pitches.

Current cup favourites Holton Road marched into the quarter finals with a 4-1 victory over St Athan at the Buttrills. Holton Road are unbeaten in the league this season and showed why here, with notably Ryan Hales scoring a goal of the season contender with a tremendous strike from 45 yards to lob the opposition keeper.

Premier Division leaders Cadoxton Imps go into the last eight with a 3-1 win away at Cardiff Airport with Andrew Mac, Liam Jones and Kyle Henderson with the goals, despite Jamie Mclaggon and Kris Powell missing absolute sitters.

AFC Rhoose got past Cogan Coronation in a tricky tie, this hotly contested match was settled by goals from Tom Bevan and a worldie from Josh Lowe.

SP Billy picked up their first win all season on somewhat of an upset at Burnham Avenue. SP edged Vale Madrid 3-2 to head to the quarter finals, can the fairy tale continue?

No giant killing for Cwm Talwg as they were soundly beaten by an impressive Penarth Town 7-1 at the Buttrills.

In Division One, Barry Athletic B threw form book out the window, but also set fire to it before that as they romped to a huge win over Island Marine B in the Island Derby.

Holton Road B saw off St Athan B 6-2, despite St Athan B coming back from two down; Holton Road B had the quality to pull away and take all three points comfortably.

Also, Rhoose Social advanced to the quarter finals of the SWFA Intermediate Cup, with a 3-1 win over Bridgend and District First Division side Penyfai.

Cowbridge drew 2-2 with Bryncae in the SWFA Cup but went out on penalties.

The forecast is cold, but pretty good this week, so we hope it leads to more football this coming weekend.

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# Barrivale Bridge Club

**THE results for Barrivale Bridge Club for November 5 are:**

First, Mark Roderick and Denis Mottram, 69.52%; second, Mike Close and Tim Barsby, 62.92%; third, Ken Hannah and Sean MacDougall, 56.25%.

The handicap winners were Peter Hunt and Linda Houston.

New members are welcome and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Get assisted play at the Pioneer Hall on Friday at 10am-12.30pm and on Thursdays, assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

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# Brynhill Golf Club finishes season in style

**BRYNHILL held its annual Captains Gala Dinner on Saturday and what a great night it was, a glass of fizz on arrival before sitting down to a glorious five-course meal prepared by Mark and Rachel.**

The entertainment was provided by an Aretha Franklin tribute act presented by Soul Satisfaction.

Captain Jamie Griffiths commented that the night couldn't have gone any better, the support from the members who attended the evening was amazing and the effort and detail that the staff put into the night ensured that it all ran without a hitch.

Sunday saw the curtain come down on the competition season with the Consolation Cup – open only to hackers and choppers who've miserably failed to win any of the season's proper competitions. The winner was Chris James, with 38 points just enough to edge out Bob Bounds on a back nine countback.

**AS**